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Child sexual abuse sparks taxi concern

By Dominic Thomas

OXFORD S taxi licensing laws need to be tightened in order to prevent child sexual exploitation, a Government department has said.

In a report into cases of sexual exploitation in Rochdale and Tower Hamlets, the Department for Communities and Local Government made calls for local authorities to close a loophole allowing drivers with licences from other less stringent councils to drive in their areas

It said it was 'concerned' to learn of the loophole in licensing, and quoted former Home Office minister Karen Bradley who said. "Continued work with the taxi and private hire vehicles sector is needed to reduce the risk to children and young people of sexual exploitation by the very small number of cab drivers who seek to abuse their position of trust."

The call came in the wake of convictions in Operation Bullfinch, which revealed 373 children had been exploited in Oxfordshire over 16 years

Among the Bullfinch cases were several in which minors had been driven by taxi to guest houses in Oxford where sexual exploitation would take place

In response to the recommendations Oxford City Council's board member for crime, community safety and licensing, Dee Sinclair said. "Compliance checks are regularly undertaken and joint operations carried out with our neighbouring districts to ensure drivers licensed elsewhere, but who work in the city, can be monitored and any necessary action taken.

"Whilst we have stepped up the effectiveness of the controls that can be put in place, we support the proposal being considered by Government that to operate in an area, a taxi should be licensed in that area."

The recommendations came after private hire app Uber was refused permission to operate in the city in July due to fears from competing taxi drivers in the city as well as concerns over licensing.

The council's licensing committee chairman Mary Clarkson, had concerns over the effect competition would have on regulation, saying "There is a real danger that there is a race to the bottom going on at the moment and drivers whose licences have been revoked by Oxford City can apply to neighbouring authorities with a softer approach and continue to work in Oxford.

"As a licensing authority we have sought to be a leader and have developed guidelines on safeguarding training which have been adopted as a model by other authorities."

Cowley city councillor David Henwood said. "We have to make sure we are doing all we can to protect people by having the highest safeguarding

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Homeless man's river death ruled to be accidental

• Rescue teams searching for Dennis Sheridan (photo by Tony Steele, Jericho)

A HOMELESS man died accidentally after falling into the River Thames from his makeshift raft home, a coroner concluded yesterday

An Oxford inquest heard that Dennis Sheridan, 60, had been living on the raft for three weeks before the accident.

See page 3 for the full story

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Work stress

OXFORD: Oxford workers suffer the most sleepless nights in the UK due to work problems new research shows

According to micro-mentoring app rungway 32 per cent of workers in Oxford lose sleep every week due to work stress

Belfast (25 per cent) and London (24 per cent) are in second and third place while Sheffield (10 per cent) was the lowest

Hygiene breach

ABINGDON: A "large amount" of mouse droppings were found in the kitchen of a children's nursery in Marcham.

The owners of Little Angels Nursery in Morland Road Helen Scott-Corcoran and Kay Merriman pleaded guilty to three breaches of food and safety hygiene regulations at Oxford Magistrates Court on August 15

They were ordered to pay £6 700 after the droppings dirt and gnawed up materials were discovered in the kitchen used to prepare food and drink for babies and small children.

Glare warning

WITNEY: Police are warning drivers to take extra care in the morning sun after a collision in Witney between a car and a Biffa waste lorry in Langdale Road on Tuesday morning.

Victim's sister airs her 'disgust' over search

By **Dominic Thomas**

THE sister of one of the three men still lost in the Didcot Power Station collapse said it was "disgusting" her brother's body had yet to be recovered.

Natalie Huxtable, 31, the younger sister of Swansea victim Christopher Huxtable, 34, spoke of her upset at a memorial event for the victims on Tuesday afternoon – six months on from the tragedy

She was among members of two of the families of the victims who attended a private ceremony at the power station the bodies of their loved ones have not yet been found.

The families of Mr Huxtable and Kenneth Cresswell held four minutes' silence, one minute for each of the lives lost when the boilerhouse building collapsed on February 23

The body of 53-year-old Mick Collings from North Yorkshire was found the same day

Miss Huxtable, 31, also of Swansea, said: "Today was the hardest day since it happened.

"We came to the service before to mark another time, but at six months' time it has hit me for six. I just cried and cried and cried."

During the ceremony coal tractors lorries were stopped from entering the site as a mark of respect to the victims

A poignant banner put up on the site's main gate read. "Bring home the Didcot three

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Miss Huxtable attended the ceremony with her brother Christopher's daughter Nadine Morgan, 16

Mr Huxtable was the eldest of three siblings also leaving brother Jonathan, 33

Miss Huxtable said. "I can't put into words how I feel, I just want him out.

"I want my brother home back in Swansea where he belongs."

She has faced an agonising six-month wait for her brother's body to be recovered.

"I'm just upset. It's disgusting after six months of still waiting," she said "They had food there and everything but I just couldn't est."

Miss Huxtable also expressed her disappointment at local Swansea East MP Carolyn Harris throughout the ordeal, saying "I don't speak to her, she doesn't speak to me at all."

Rotherham MP Sarah Champion, who represents two of the men, has campaigned for the families to be better informed about the search seel below for full story

Following the collapse, a search for the missing men was called off shortly afterwards on safety grounds until the remainder of the boilerhouse was demolished last month.

RWE confirmed there had been a ceremony held for some of the victims families

The banner and, inset, the partially collapsed building

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Families' wait labelled as 'a national scandal'

AN MP has described the failure to recover the bodies of three missing workers at the Didcot 'A' Power Station site after six months as 'a national scandal'.

The bodies of Ken Cresswell, 57, and John Shaw, 61, both of Rotherham, and Christopher Huxtable, 34, of Swansea, have remained under a pile of rubble since the boilerhouse partially collapsed on February 23.

Rotherham MP Sarah Champion, who represents two of the grieving families, said "I am so frustrated that the men are yet to be found

"It is a national scandal that six months on their grieving families are still unable to bury their loved ones.

"The families have had to fight to keep the recovery on track. They should never have been forced into this position – they are as much victims of this disaster as their men who died." RWE Npower, which owns the site, said its contractors were still working seven days a week, 12 hours a day on the recovery operation to find the missing men. But some parts of the structure had "proven challenging to remove"

The remainder of the boiler house was brought down using explosives deployed by robots on July 17 (pictured below). Around half of the massive pile of debris has been removed.

Town mayor Steve Cannel said residents understood that rescue crews had to be kept safe from harm, but six months was not acceptable

"The families and friends of Chris, Ken and John deserve the opportunity to truly mourn the loss," he said.

Ms Champion added. "Once the men are home there will be serious questions to be answered by all those involved and I won't rest until I get satisfactory answers. If we don't learn from this disaster we are failing to honour the men who died."

Didcot's MP Ed Vaizey said. "I have gone on record in the past in expressing my concern that RWE took too long to formulate a plan to bring down the building so the recovery operation could start in earnest. I am satisfied the emergency and recovery services are doing all they can to recover them."

Inquest told how homeless man fell from makeshift raft

River death was 'accident'

By Dominic Thomas

THE death of a homeless man has been ruled as accidental after he fell into a river from a makeshift raft in Oxford.

Dennis Sheridan, 60, died on Wednesday, May 11, after drowning in Castle Mill Stream, Jericho, an inquest in Oxford heard yesterday.

The county's assistant coroner Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp concluded that his death was accidental, and that he entered the water "either as the result of a medical incident or by simply slipping into the water".

Mr Sheridan was living in a tent on a raft on the riverbank at the time of his death.

A report by consultant pathologist Dr Ben Phillips revealed there were high levels of alcohol found in his blood and he also showed signs of heart disease.

His medical records also showed that he was diagnosed with alcohol dependence in 1985.

The report said Mr Sheridan was found in cardiac arrest by ambulance crew and taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, where his condition was found to be "unsalvagable" after 30 minutes of resuscitation.

A statement by witness Edward Surridge, a boatowner said he had met Mr Sheridan just over two weeks prior to his death and had offered him the chance to stay in his tent on the raft he owned.

"He told me that he was homeless and had been walking the towpaths from Lancashire. He said that he came from a large family of around eight or nine children and had a difficult upbringing," it said.

His statement also revealed, corroborated by financial checks that on the day of his death Mr Sheridan had received his first benefit payment of £114.88.

Mr Surridge said he had seen Mr Sheridan earlier that afternoon adding: "He was lying on the tent on the raft. He said he would stay aboard as he had drunk a lot of alcohol, but he planned to go out later and buy me a bottle of wine as a thank you."

Statements from police officers said that Mr Sheridan was seen on CCTV at the Tesco store in Magdalen Street at about 8.20pm buying a bottle of wine and vodka.

Neighbour Keira Pratt-Boyden called the police at about 9.20pm after she noticed several homeless people shouting to Mr Sheridan before hearing a splash as she passed by.

Mr Sheridan was discovered by emergency crews in boats an hour later in cardiac arrest.

His body temperature had fallen way below the threshold of 35 for hypothermia, down to 22 degrees. He was pronounced dead at about 11.50pm.

Child sexual abuse still 'a huge concern'

• The taxi rank at Oxford railway station

• From front page

standards. We also need to have standardisation. The possibility of a unitary authority would be a step in that direction."

City councillor Van Coulter, who chaired an inquiry into the activity in guesthouses for the council's scrutiny committee, said: "We have to make sure that the paramount concern is the safety of the passenger, particularly minors.

"Child sexual exploitation is still a huge concern.

"Bullfinch is a review that exposed a huge amount of exploitation of young people in Oxfordshire, but that is not to say that all the crime had been detected."

The department's report, which was published last week, said: "It is vital that the failings in Rotherham and Tower Hamlets and the work done to address them are identified and shared so that similar issues can be addressed in other local authorities at an early stage to avoid them hitting rock bottom."

• Dennis Sheridan's makeshift raft

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Exposure arrest

HEADINGTON A 50-year-old man has been arrested in connection with an incident of indecent exposure in Oxford on Friday.

The arrest followed an incident at 4.30pm at Headington Hill Park, which was witnessed from the overbridge.

The man was released on bail until October 3.

Man assaulted

MARSTON A 71 year-old man suffered serious head injuries in an assault in Marston.

Police and paramedics were called to a house in Marsh Lane at 10.50am on Saturday.

The victim was taken to John Radcliffe Hospital. He remains in a serious but stable condition.

A 39-year-old man arrested on suspicion of GBH in connection with the incident was released on bail on Sunday.

Police made another arrest on Sunday after a man barricaded himself in the house threatening them with a knife.

Woman robbed

OXFORD Two men robbed a woman in front of her children in Christchurch Meadow on Sunday August 14.

The victim was walking through the meadow between 6pm and 6.30pm when the men grabbed her from behind and stole cash from her.

The men are both described as being Arabic in their mid to late-20s.

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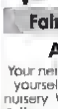
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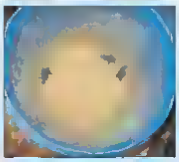

Rats found

A TAKEAWAY in Didcot has been banned from using its food storage buildings after health inspectors found an infestation of rats

The environmental health officers from South Oxfordshire District Council visited Delight 2, in Broadway on Tuesday August 16, following a complaint earlier that afternoon from a member of the public

During the inspection, the officers found live and dead rats, rat faeces and gnawed packaging. On August 19, the district council applied to Oxford Magistrates' Court for a Hygiene Emergency Order against Delight 2

The magistrates agreed that using the buildings would constitute an imminent risk to health and issued the order, confirming the ban on using the food storage area

They also ordered Delight 2 to pay £1 280 in costs to the district council for making the application.

Trump more psychopathic than Hitler, says researcher

By Dominic Thomas

OXFORD University researchers have ranked US presidential hopeful Donald Trump above Adolf Hitler in a study of psychopathic traits in leaders.

Research fellow Dr Kevin Dutton worked with political correspondents and official biographers to compile scores on traits such as fearlessness cold heartedness and self centredness impulsivity and a lack of empathy tend not to do so well in office

Dr Dutton said: "Both great and terrible leaders score higher than the general population for psychopathic traits but it is the mix of those traits that determines success

"For example someone who scores highly for being influential, fearless and cold hearted could be a decisive leader who can make dispassionate decisions. If those traits are accompanied by a high score on blaming others, they might be a genocidal demagogue."

In analysing the US presidential candidates he found that Trump scored the highest – on par with Hitler and Idi Amin.

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Oxfam accuses

OXFORD Oxford-based charity Oxfam has accused UK ministers of "denial and disarray" over an agreement to sell arms to Saudi Arabia.

The Saud-backed Yemeni government is fighting Shia rebels and there are fears the weapons could be used there.

The UK government has provided export licences for £3 3bn worth of arms in 12 months from March 2015

Further closure

WITNEY Curbridge Road In Witney is to remain closed for a further two weeks and is due to reopen on September 9

The road was closed on June 13 due to drainage works expected to last until August 1

But on July 18 the road's reopening was delayed for a futher three weeks

Candidate choice

W OXFORD Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats have reselected local teacher Layla Moran as their Parliamentary candidate

In 2015 Layla Moran finished in second place for the Liberal Democrats achieving 26 9 per cent of the vote

She lost to Conservative Nicola Blackwood who won the seat last year with 45 7 per cent of the votes.

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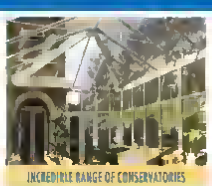
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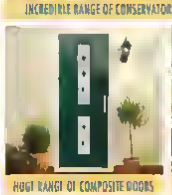
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Green councillor is an outside bet as party leader

By **Dominic Thomas**

OXFORD'S candidate for the Green Party leadership said he is 'excited' to see the result of voting as campaigning closed today

Iffley Fields city councillor David Williams is an outside bet for the role, having put his hat into the ring for the leadership in July

But he is up against strong competition in Green MP Caroline Lucas, who is running on a joint ticket with Jonathan Bartley the party's spokesman on Work and Pensions.

Ahead of the close of voting today, Cllr Williams said, "I'm not sure if I'll win because everybody knows Caroline Lucas and she has been a very important figure head for the party But then nobody knows who her running partner is either, so that may work against them.

"People in the party also like someone outside the London bubble and as I'm a Northerner, although I live in Oxford, I come across like that and it goes down pretty well."

The result of the vote is due to be announced on September 2

Cllr Williams was born in Salford, and represented Labour on Rochdale Borough Council for 20 years before leaving the party in 2003

He has been a city councillor in Oxford for the last 10 years, having first been elected in 2006 and is the only leadership candidate other than MP Lucas to currently hold an active elected role.

Also in the race to succeed Natalie Bennett is founder member and longest serving activist Clive Lord film maker David Malone and Durham parish councillor Martie Warin.

"My particular message is one of experience because I've won more elections than any other Green councillor I've won eight in over 30 years and that counts for something," said Cllr Williams

He also spoke of the fortunes of his former party who are also holding their leadership election.

"Ours is a bit more straightforward than the Labour election because everybody agrees on the policies it's just a matter of who would be best to give a voice to the party."

Cllr David Williams

Play park finally opened a year after it was built

The play park in Juniper Way

A CHILDREN S playground in Didcot has been opened by the South Oxfordshire s District Council's outgoing chief executive David Buckle.

The play park in Juniper Way at Great Western Park was completed a year ago but remained closed as building work on the 3,300-home estate continued.

But in his last act as chief executive at SODC before he retires, Mr Buckle intervened to make sure families on the estate were able to enjoy the park before the summer holidays ended.

The state-of-the-art play area, including a zip wire, climbing frames climbing logs and swings will provide a safe haven for children to play

The council admitted being 'frustrated' when the play area was fenced off while housing developers sorted out drainage issues

But once these issues were overcome, Mr Buckle said he made sure the park was opened as soon as possible

The fences came down last weekend and at the start of his last week in charge of SODC and the Vale of White Horse District Council, Mr Buckle visited the park on Monday for a welcome event hosted by SODC

Mr Buckle said: It s a fantastic play area, and now it's finally ready to open, I felt it was very important to step in and make sure Taylor Wimpey got those fences down as quickly as possible

"It would have been a great shame to see another summer holiday go past without kids enjoying the play area."

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Missing appeal

OXFORD: Police have released an image of a missing man who might have been seen in Oxford.

David Henderson 53 was last seen at 1 40pm on Monday July 25 in the Bournemouth area.

It is possible he could have travelled to Basingstoke and he also has connections to the Manchester area He is described as being white of medium build with short light hair and 5ft 8in tall

He was last seen wearing a dark T-shirt and trousers black shoes and a pair of glasses

Contact police on 101

Sporting city

OXFORD Research by TV sports channel ESPN and University of Bath found Oxford to be the fifth best city in which to be a sports fan in the South East

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Twin's death to dementia spurs sister on for charity challenge

By George Welch

A DIDCOT woman who said her twin's death to Alzheimer's was like "losing my right arm" is raising money to try and support others with the devastating disease.

Ann Whiting, 67, lost her sister Mary Jones in January following a five-year battle with dementia.

Having been so moved by how the condition impacted her sister, Mrs Whiting has decided to lead a team of people aiming to raise £150,000 as part of the Oxford Memory Walk next month.

Mrs Whiting said: "I couldn't have asked her to stay here any longer. She was in a dreadful way."

She added: "There's just no rhyme or reason to it. I want to make people aware that this can occur and it can happen to anyone."

The twins were born and grew up in East Hagbourne and then Didcot.

Mrs Jones was 62 when she was diagnosed five years ago.

On being given the diagnosis of advanced Alzheimer's disease, she said: "What will be will be."

The retired HR professional for Lloyds of London insurance group had suddenly become easily confused, misplacing objects and unable to do every day things such as operating a cashpoint.

Mrs Whiting, who now lives in Ladygrove, raised the issues with her twin's husband, Dave, who took her to the memory clinic where doctors delivered the news.

The disease caused an aggressive deterioration which left her unable to chew or swallow for the last six months of her life, which made her dependent on four full time carers.

Mrs Jones passed away on January 31 – at the same age and on the same day and date as her father.

Mrs Whiting and her husband Ken, 69, decided to take part in the Oxford Memory Walk to "turn that dreadful story into something positive".

They have set up a team that spans across generations, from age 11 to 69 and includes the Mrs Whiting's grandchildren.

It has already raised £709 for Alzheimer's Society charity.

Oxford Memory Walk organiser Kate Randall, said: "Stories like Ann's are exactly why Memory Walk is so important.

"The event is always a special day that gives people an opportunity to walk in memory of a loved one, to celebrate someone they know affected by dementia, or to create memories with family and friends."

The Oxford Memory Walk of either 3km or 5km falls two days before the twins' 63th birthday on Sunday, September 18, at Oxford University Parks.

Twins Mary (right) and Ann (left) on their 40th birthday in 1988

Sex offences in schools double within four years

SEXUAL offences in schools across the Thames Valley have doubled in just four years, according to statistics from a Freedom of Information request.

The number of reported sex offences on school premises in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire rose from 65 in 2011 to 2012 to 137 in 2014 to 2015 – the figures from Thames Valley Police show.

They total 137 over the four years and include abuse of trust, voyeurism, causing a child to watch a sex act, and rape.

The statistics have sparked children's charity Plan International UK to call for better sex education in schools covering sexting, consent, healthy relationships and the law.

The charity's head of girls' rights Kerry Smith said: "This shows we're failing young people when it comes to learning about healthy relationships and consent.

"Quality sex and relationships education helps young people to develop healthy attitudes towards sex and relationships while helping to tackle inappropriate and aggressive sexual behaviour."

Nationally, reports of sexual offences in schools have also more than doubled in four years to 1,955 in 2014 to 2015.

Less than one in 10 suspected cases resulted in criminal charges or summons.

The charity has submitted the evidence to an ongoing Women and Equalities Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry investigating sexual violence in schools.

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Rediscovered art

OXFORD: A rare painting bought by an Oxford don for £200 and left in a wardrobe has sold for £9,500 at auction.

James Campbell, a professor of medieval history at Worcester College, bought the artwork of rooftops in Lowestoft by Euan Uglow in the 1960s and gave it away to his cousin.

Not liking the picture, she put it in the back of a wardrobe and had it valued after the professor's death earlier this year.

It was sold at an auctioneers in Yorkshire on Friday.

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Carnival pictures

OXFORD An exhibition depicting 15 years worth of Cowley Road Carnival photography has opened

The exhibition started on Friday and will run until September 24 at the Old Fire Station, in Gloucester Green

The photographs have been taken by three photographers Jim Robinson Chris Stone house and Irmgard Hõppe.

Play shortlisted

OXON An Oxfordshire play tackling the issue of self-harm by teenagers has been shortlisted for an award

Under my Skin, commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council and produced by Pegasus Theatre, has been nominated in the Public Mental Health and Wellbeing category of the Royal Society of Public Health awards.

The play which was performed at 27 schools in Oxfordshire formed part of an initiative aiming to raise awareness

999 call handler sacked for hanging up on rape victim

A POLICE call handler has been sacked after she ended a 999 call from a vulnerable woman in Oxford who was raped shortly afterwards

By **George Welch**

Gail Daniels Ekarte spent five-and-a half minutes talking to the 999 caller from Oxford who said she was in danger but did not send any officers to help her

Ms Daniels Ekarte was dismissed by Thames Valley Police following a gross misconduct hearing.

The control room worker took a 999 call from the desperate victim at the force's Milton Keynes control room in December 2013.

Later that day, a further call came in to the same control room reporting that the woman had been raped in Oxfordshire

Rapist Zilvinas Ruzgas, 40, was later jailed for the attack, and now Ms Daniels-Ekarte has been found guilty of gross misconduct.

Ruzgas, of Odessa Road, London, was given seven years imprisonment for rape and put on the sexual offenders register for his crime.

The misconduct hearing was a result of the force referring the case to the Independent Police Complaints Commission which recommended there was a case to answer for gross misconduct

At the hearing, it was found that Ms Daniels-Ekarte failed to deal with the call appropriately and did not follow force policies and guidelines

Ms Daniels Ekarte was subsequently dismissed without notice on August 10 following the hearing.

Assistant Chief Constable Dave Hardcastle head of operations for Thames Valley Police, said. "We have dismissed a member of staff as they failed to respond appropriately to what was a clear call for help from a member of the public

"At Thames Valley Police, we expect the highest of standards from our staff and officers Sadly the individual's actions in this case fell very far below the standard of what we expect."

Ms Daniels-Ekarte has a right to appeal the decision to dismiss her

Zilvinas Ruzgas

Plans unveiled for a £2m centre revamp

INITIAL plans to refurbish a community centre have been unveiled by Oxford City Council.

The council released a feasibility study on Wednesday last week into the proposals for a £2 million redevelopment of East Oxford Community Centre site on the corner of Cowley Road and Princes Street

Council officers met stakeholders on August 15 to present the findings from the study which produced a range of options for the redevelopment

The plans range from doing nothing and maintaining the centre as it is to using some of the space to secure more funds

If the East Oxford Games Hall and Film Oxford sites were to be sold, £2 million could be generated in funding

The proposed scheme would provide state-of-the-art facilities and a flexible set of spaces for community uses.

Councillor Christine Simm, board member for communities and culture, said. "We want to ensure that our community buildings and spaces are of modern standards well used, and inclusive."

But former Green councillor Elise Benjamin said "During the recent city elections, Labour candidates denied that the council was planning these sell-offs "

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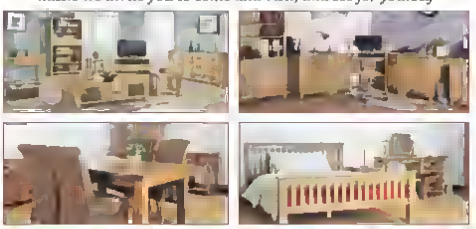

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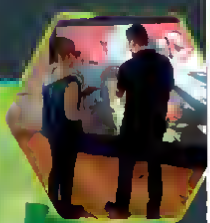

AMBITION DETERMINATION EXCELLENCE

Oxfordshire A-level results edge ahead of last year in results joy

- Abingdon pupils William Adams (AAA), Nathan Byrne (AAA), Benjamin Schneider (A*A*AB) Leon Wu (A*A*AA) and Douglas Wilson (A*AB)

FIVE Abingdon School pupils netted a total of 15 A* and As between them when A-level results were released last week.

Leon Wu, pictured right of centre, achieved an impressive A*A*AA to secure his place at Imperial College London, to study Maths while Benjamin Schneider centre will be studying the same subject at Oxford University after receiving A*A*AB.

Results posted by schools and academies in Oxfordshire show around 95 per cent of students have gained two or more A-Levels at the A* - E pass rate.

This is slightly higher than Oxfordshire's 2015 results of 94.5 per cent.

By **Dominic Thomas**

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for education Melinda Tilley said: "As always there are some outstanding individual success stories which deserve to be highlighted, but results day is a huge milestone for thousands of young people who have put in years of hard work."

Wallingford School, which has had the county's highest state school grades for the last three years improved on their results with a 99 per cent pass rate in all exams and 26 per cent achieving A* or A.

Headteacher Wyll Willis said: "The thing about A levels is that it's all about the students. They are the one that have to sit down and get it done on their own.

"The families and teachers deserve some credit as well but no one succeeds at A-level unless they have worked really hard.

"It's a lovely feeling to be here and seeing people's faces as they open their envelopes is that is what it's all about."

There was more joy at Abingdon's John Mason School, where AS-level results rose against national predictions due to syllabus changes.

Pupil Megan Underwood, who got AAAA at AS level in art, graphic design, media and English lit, said: "I'm really happy. All of my friends did great as well, all the hard work has paid off."

The school's A-level results also saw an improvement on last year with a 100 per cent pass rate and an above average rate of passes at A*-B.

Mrs Brinkley said: "I'm very pleased that our A level results have again held firm for another year and we've also seen a rise in students going to university.

"We're absolutely delighted for our students.

"They all work very hard and it's really great to see so many smiling faces."

Elite diver Charlie all set to make a splash in the States

A WALLINGFORD Team GB diving hopeful has achieved his American dream with top A level grades good enough to send him to the States.

Wallingford School student Charlie Minns, 18, is set to study Maths at Princeton University in September after getting A*A*A results in maths, further maths and physics.

- Charlie with his A*A*A results

Opening the envelope, he said: "This is what I was hoping for. I was a little bit nervous but mostly just excited to see how I'd done.

"I'm really relieved that it's all gone well."

However it hadn't all been plain sailing for the teenager who balanced his studies with training five times a week for the national elite diving squad in Reading.

He has been a diver since the age of eight, and a member of the squad for six years.

He said: "Going into the first year of my AS levels was definitely an increase in workload and it was a bit of a struggle to balance but then I just started to get into a bit of a rhythm.

"The sports facilities at Princeton was one of the main reasons for choosing it, my plan is to compete for Great Britain.

"There was a lot of training but I never felt like I didn't have enough time to get things done, and if I did need more time to do homework then the school recognised that."

'Never too late to go back to study'

AT the age of 18, as many of Liam Walker's friends were going to university, he went back to school to get his GCSEs.

Three years on, the 21 year-old City of Oxford College student is celebrating getting into university.

Mr Walker, from Kidlington, will be studying Business enterprise, entrepreneurship and management at London Southbank University.

He opened his A-level results envelope last week to B, C and D grades in business studies, English language and literature and psychology.

He said: "I went onto UCAS and it said I was confirmed so I knew I had done well – I was really happy. I was smiling when I was coming in – I've accomplished what I came here to do. I'm going to study what I want to now. It's good to focus just on one thing."

After a year working in retail, the Banbury Road resident overcame the intimidating prospect of returning to school following advice from his mum.

He said: "I saw a lot of people in my year who were already at university and I felt like I was behind.

"But then I just thought 'that's ridiculous' – it's never too late to go back and study."

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Fear over humming noise from planned electricity station

By Samantha McGregor

RESIDENTS have raised concerns over plans to build an electricity sub-station behind homes in Riccester

Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution have submitted proposals to build a new electricity sub-station and access off the A4421 Skimmingdish Lane.

The nearest homes are in Duxford Close and Fulmar Court – 30 metres away from the proposed site.

The sub-station will contain four transformers and a switch room and will be surrounded by a steelpaling fence.

The application documents said "The four transformers will be the only significant noise sources in the site: they will make humming sounds with the principal tone at 100Hz (this is normal for transformers, there is no tone at 50Hz)."

It said acoustic screens or enclosures can be installed to reduce noise.

But residents say it is the wrong location and fear the constant humming will have an impact on their lives.

They also raised concerns about the loss of green space, "electromagnet radiation" and the knock-on effect on house prices.

An Explosive Ordnance Risk Assessment report submitted as part of the application said there was a "high risk" of unexploded bombs due to its proximity to the former RAF Bicester flying field.

Resident David Hutchinson, of Duxford Close, said residents have been told noise from the transformers will be the loudest from mid night to 4am.

Mr Hutchinson's letter said: "During the winter months we will hear the noise more due to the fact there will be no leaves on the trees to act as a buffer

"Through the summer months we will not be able to have our windows open at night as you have stated the noise will be more apparent between midnight and 4am."

He said because the sub-station was being built to serve a new industrial estate on the other side of Skimmingdish Lane it should be built there.

Another resident, Amanda Kitching also of Duxford Close, also "strongly" objected.

She said the development was too close to homes and could have a negative impact the value of properties

While green campaigner Pamela Roberts, raised concerns about noise pollution and the impact on the landscape.

She said the site was intended to be a "linear park" along Skimmingdish Lane to benefit local residents and wildlife

The application is due to be decided by Cherwell District Council.

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Wanted man

BANBURY Police are appealing for help to trace David French, 32 who is wanted on recall to prison

French is described as white 5ft 10ins of broad build with cropped brown hair and a birthmark on the left side of his neck.

He was last seen on July 15 in Edmonds Road Banbury

Detective Sergeant Lee Newman, of Banbury Police Station said "We are very keen to trace David He has failed to attend his appointments following his release from prison and is known to frequent the Banbury area."

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting URN 1289 29/7

Elms Road plans

THAME Plans for an extra care housing development of 87 apartments, houses and a communal residents centre have been submitted

The development also includes basement parking a new public open space, a new access road from Elms Road and a new pedestrian/cycle link onto Upper High Street.

Thame's town councillors are due to consider the application at a meeting on Tuesday September 20

Charity bingo

THAME Thame Snooker Club is hosting a charity bingo night in aid of the mayor's chosen charities The Red Kite Children's Centre and Thame Youth Projects.

It takes place from Friday September 9 starting at 7pm, eyes down 7 30pm

Gene hope for Oxfordshire

• Evie with her family

AN Oxfordshire family is hoping a simple blood sample will help to unlock the mysteries of their two-year-old daughter's rare immune deficiency condition.

Mum and dad Corinne and Kevin Kirk hope a genetics project based in Oxford will tell them more about Evie's condition, which leaves her susceptible to infections and means she has to take antibiotics and have a regular infusion of antibodies

The family are among more than 1,000 people who have taken part in the first full year of a groundbreaking NHS 100 000 Genomes Project a national project funded by the Department of Health.

Patients with rare diseases and cancers provide health data and blood and tissue samples which are then decoded to look for genetic mutations which help researchers to develop tests and treatments

Mrs Kirk, of Chinnor near Thame, said: "We got involved in the project to try and find out which immunodeficiency Evie has and how this happened to our daughter

"If we can pinpoint which gene is affected the doctors will be able to better predict what this will mean for Evie's future, from the risks involved in having her own children to whether this will mean she is more at risk from developing more serious diseases or cancers."

Evie kept getting infections and initially doctors were unable to say why she kept getting ill.

Her family hope by taking part in the research "medical science" will in the future help her to better manage her condition or eradicate it all together.

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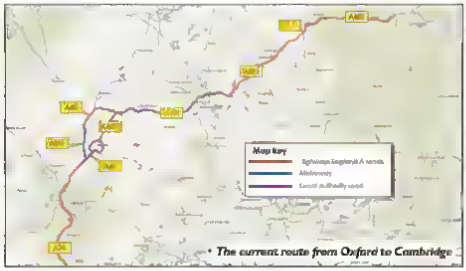

* The current route from Oxford to Cambridge

By George Welch

FAILING to build a link road between the brain belt of Oxford and Cambridge could choke the UK's economic growth, a Government report has warned.

The Department for Transport investigation published the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Strategic Study on Thursday last week looking at better linking the two cities via Milton Keynes and Bedford.

The £500,000 study says journey times could be cut by up to 30 minutes and adds that a failure to act could "constrain economic growth".

Transport Minister John Hayes said: "I want people up and down Britain to benefit from quicker, more reliable journeys.

'Our cities and towns are the lifeblood of our economy and they, as well as our rural communities, need strong connections to thrive."

The expressway linking Oxford and Cambridge could become part of the government's next phase of road improvements which will get underway from 2020.

However, the Campaign for Better Transport group is arguing that building a major road is not necessarily the answer.

Campaigner Bridget Fox said: "Creating new homes and new jobs in this area need not require massive new road construction in the countryside, with motorway-style routes excluding cyclists and bus users.

"Oxford and Cambridge have pioneered transport policies based on providing alternatives to car dependency. To build new road connections drawing more traffic into the area risks undermining their achievements.

"This is a disappointing return to the 'predict and provide' policies of the past."

Extra plans on what route the expressway could take will now be developed and completed over the next six months.

An estimate of how much the new route could cost has not been announced.

Drug dealer handed three-year jail term

A 'PROLIFIC' drug dealer from London has been sentenced to three years in prison after being caught in Didcot.

Driss Dekhissi, 21, of Linacre Road, London, was sentenced on Friday at Oxford Crown Court. He was caught with four wraps containing heroin in his car on July 14 and was charged with one count of possession with intent to supply heroin, as well as two further counts of being concerned in the supply of class-A drugs on March 31.

On July 19 Dekhissi used an evidential toilet and passed a cellophane package as well as other wraps. Analysis showed they contained heroin and cocaine.

Dekhissi pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply heroin at Oxford Magistrates' Court on July 22.

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Aldi supermarket shut for revamp

OXFORD An Oxford supermarket is shutting its doors for a month of refurbishment.

Aldi in Botley Road, which opened in 2009, will be closed from Monday, September 26 until Thursday, October 27.

The German retailer is also set to open another store off Horspath Driftway, creating 50 jobs.

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Litter kills horse

OXFORD: A horse has died after receiving a deep and untreatable cut to its leg

The animal sustained the injury from a broken bottle on Port Meadow Oxford on August 15

Oxford City Council has put up posters around the site urging people to dispose of their litter responsibly

Junction work

OXFORD: Part of a new £6.7 million road junction in Oxford is to altered less than 12 months after completion to prevent more damage by vehicles

A kerb at Endeswide Square had to be repaired in May as bus companies said it was impossible for them to navigate the junction without mounting the pavement.

The kerb outside the Royal Oxford Hotel will be realigned and strengthened during two weeks of work which started on Monday this week.

Jobless down

OXON: Oxfordshire's level of unemployment is down to its lowest level in eight years

Latest figures from the Office of National Statistics show just 11,600 people – or 3.3 per cent of the working population – were unemployed between April 2014 and March 2015

Organist marks marathon with return trip to palace

By **Dominic Thomas**

AN amateur organist returned to Blenheim Palace in Woodstock last week to mark the completion of a 20-year journey to play every cathedral organ in the country

John Richards, 75, of Cardiff, who has played all of Britain's 94 cathedral organs, fell out of love with the playing the organ when his first wife, a music teacher died suddenly in 1992

But after John married his second wife, Lyn, three years later, it was she who led him to rediscover his passion for the instrument by arranging for him to play at Blenheim Palace as a surprise while on holiday

Lyn said: "John was really ill with grief at that time, so I thought I would surprise him one day. I wrote to the Duke of Marlborough and got John permission to play at the palace."

John described it as "a huge turning point in his life.

Lyn continued. "After that, I wanted to see if he would be allowed to play at cathedrals, and then I arranged one every time we went away, unbeknownst to him. The number kept creeping up and suddenly we realised that there weren't all that many that he hadn't played, so that spurred him on."

Lyn arranged for John to play his first cathedral organ at Worcester in 1997 and he has since completed the circuit of every cathedral in the country which has taken him to Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral, over two decades

"It's been a tremendous time, I've met so many people and have so many stories along the way" said John, who started playing the organ in church as a 10 year-old boy

The retired civil servant played his last cathedral in Inverness on June 28, and subsequently returned to Blenheim Palace last Thursday where it all began.

"It was a wonderful completion of a circle. I had come back again but under different circumstances to when I arrived, when I didn't realise why I was there," he said.

He paid tribute to his wife, Lyn, who has remained his inspiration throughout his journey, saying: "Lyn has been by my side all of the way. The way she saw my need back then and decided to meet it is just unbelievable."

• John Richards with his original invitation from the Duke of Marlborough

• Henley MP John Howell on a recent trip to Nigeria

MP pleased at progress over B4009 lorry signs

THE introduction of better signs on the M40 to stop HGV drivers cutting through Watlington could be a step closer

Henley MP John Howell has been lobbying for the new signs and, now Highways England has written to him, saying it has come up with proposals to install better information boards at exits from the M40 at junction 6 for Lewknor

Dr Howell wants the improved signs to deter HGVs using the B4009 from the M40 through Watlington after delays in getting weight-limit signage put up around Junction 6 of the M40

A recent letter from Highways England said UK Highways M40 Ltd, which is responsible for the safe operation of the motorway between junctions 1 and 15, in liaison with Oxfordshire County Council, had identified proposals to improve the signage at Lewknor to highlight the weight limit restriction for vehicles using the B4009

Dr Howell said. "A number of us have been badgering Highways England to take action on this for some time and progress on this has been disappointingly slow

"However, this is a positive step in the right direction and I am pleased that we have at last got to this stage."

He added. "We are told that road-safety audits and other related survey and design work will be undertaken in the coming months after which detailed proposals and the programme of installation will be set out. Slow progress, but progress nonetheless, and in writing now."

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Warning after field blaze

FIREFIGHTERS have urged people to be careful discarding cigarettes and bottles after a field set alight in north Oxfordshire

Last Wednesday crews were faced with a rapidly spreading fire in an overgrown field off Warwick Road, Banbury

Firefighters used beater and hose reels to try and bring it under control while a second fire engine placed itself ahead of the blaze to stop it spreading into nearby farmers fields

Station manager Mark Ames said: "They worked extremely hard to contain the blaze to just the one field, the crews were exhausted, they work very hard on maintaining their fitness throughout the year in anticipation of this and other types of exhausting activities.

"The current spell of dry weather means fire risks in the countryside are currently and likely to remain very high."

He warned people to take care

He added "The most common causes of grass fires are discarded cigarettes which if thrown from a car window can quickly catch dry grass alight, another major cause is where a discarded glass bottle intensifies the sun's rays acting like a magnifying glass"

Masked raider's bid to rob village Co-op foiled

By **Samantha McGregor**

"AUDACIOUS" ram raiders drove into the front of a village shop in West Oxfordshire and pulled a cash machine out of the wall.

Police yesterday released CCTV images and are appealing for witnesses after the raid at Co-op in Milton-under-Wychwood, on Saturday, just after midnight at 12.45am.

The raiders, wearing masks, used a stolen dark coloured Isuzu Trooper to drive into the front of the Co-op store on Shipton Road dragged the ATM machine out of the wall and drove off with it dragging behind the car

The car drove off in the direction of the A424 Stow road and damaged several vehicles as it left the village.

But the cash machine became disconnected from the Isuzu Trooper vehicle and was found near the Co-op – no cash had been removed.

Police said three other vehicles were involved in the robbery

These were a dark coloured BMW with a concealed number plate, a smaller white car possibly a Vauxhall Corsa or Fiat 500, and a white Mercedes.

• A CCTV image of the white Mercedes and, inset, the the Co-operative shop targeted by "audacious" ram raiders

Officers later found the Isuzu Trooper abandoned about a mile away from the store and it had been set on fire

Investigating officer, Police Constable Adam Taylor, said. "We are releasing CCTV images of the scene and one of the vehicles involved, a white A class Mercedes AMG with a panoramic roof and blacked out wheel rims.

"If you recognise any of the people in the images or the vehicle or have any other information about the offences please contact police by calling 101 and quoting reference number 50 (23/8)."

Detective Sergeant Wendy Greenslade from local CID at Banbury Police Station, said officers were at the scene of the raid the same day to reassure residents.

She said. "This was an audacious ram raid in a quiet village and I would like to reassure the local community that this is a rare occurrence."

A spokesperson for The Midcounties Co operative said. "We can confirm there was an incident at our Milton Under Wychwood store over the weekend.

"The police are currently investigating and we are assisting them with their enquiries."

The firm declined to say how much damage was caused.

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Fly tip appeal

BICESTER A council is appealing for information after planks palettes and "distinctive" pink plasterboard were among items dumped in Stratton Audley Road, near Bainton

Cherwell District Council officers believe the waste was dumped between 11pm and midnight on the night of Wednesday August 17

Cllr Debbie Pickford Cherwell's lead member for clean and green said "I am shocked and disappointed to see that there are builders operating in the district who still do not have a legitimate waste disposal plan in place, as they are required by law to do"

Anyone with information should call 01295 227007

Towersey Fringe

THAME. Tickets for Towersey Fringe festival which takes place from August 26 to 29 are on sale.

Advance tickets for the event at the Festival Green and in the Headless Horseman Bar, cost £9 for adults and £4 for concessions and can be bought at the Information Centre at Thame Town Hall

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Do I need to complete a tax return?

With the new personal savings allowance and £5,000 dividend allowance some taxpayers may now be wondering if they are still required to file a self-assessment tax return.

The UK tax year runs from 6 April to the following 5 April.

There are a number of instances where it is necessary to file a tax return.

- if you have income from self-employment either as a sole trader or from a partnership,
- if you have rental or savings and investment income of £2,500 or more and it has not been taxed at source,
- if you have £10,000 or more in savings and investment income. (if your dividend income is between £5,000 and £10,000 you should ring the HMRC helpline. If it is £5,000 or less there is no need to do anything unless there is another reason you need a tax return),
- if you have disposed of assets during the year for example shares or property, which may result in a capital gain or indeed a loss that can be carried forward to set against gains in the future;
- if you are a company director, the exception being it is within a non-profit organisation such as a charity and no pay or benefits are paid to you,
- if either you or your partner earn more than £50,000 and either of you are in receipt of Child Benefit,
- if you have foreign income that is liable for UK tax,
- if you live abroad but have UK income,
- If you have dividend income and are a higher rate taxpayer, (if this is the only reason you need a tax return then you can contact the HMRC helpline instead),
- if your income is over £100,000,
- if you are a trustee of a registered pension scheme or trust,
- if HMRC sent you a P800 in the previous year showing an underpayment of tax and this has not been collected through your PAYE code or by a payment direct to HMRC,

There are other people who may need to complete a tax return such as Lloyd's underwriters or ministers of religion. You should not ordinarily need to make a return if your only income is from salary or pension. You can always check by calling the HMRC helpline.

If HMRC send you a notice requesting a tax return then failure to submit one will result in a penalty charge even though you may not have any tax to pay.

You may need to file a tax return to claim tax relief such as on gift-aided charity donations or private pension contributions if you are a higher rate taxpayer or have work expenses over £2,500 – if less than £2,500 you can simply call the helpline.

Self-Assessment Deadlines

If you need to submit a tax return and have not done so in the past, then you should register for self-assessment by 31 October after the end of the tax year. Paper tax returns must be filed by 31 October. Online tax returns must be filed by 31 January and any resulting tax liability must be paid by 31 January. There is a further payment deadline of 31 July if payments on account are due. If your tax liability is less than £3,000 and you have sufficient PAYE income you can pay your tax through your PAYE code but the online return must be submitted by 30 December. HMRC usually issue statements of account in December but it is important to note that if your return has not been submitted prior to the statement date then it will not be up to date. Non receipt of a statement is not accepted as an excuse for not paying your tax on time and interest will be charged.

Penalties

If your tax return is up to 3 months late the penalty is £100. If your return has not been submitted by 1 May i e it is more than 3 months late then in addition to the £100, further penalties of £10 per day will be charged up to a maximum of £900. A further £300 is added after 6 months and a further £300 after 12 months. Penalties for late submission can easily add up to quite a large sum.

If you pay your tax late interest accrues on a daily basis.

There is an appeal process if you have a reasonable excuse for being late. HMRC consider a reasonable excuse to be something unexpected such as a sudden hospital stay or life threatening illness, a fire or flood that prevented completion of the return, service issues with HMRC online services, computer crash or the death of a close relative.

If you require further information you should consult an advisor or contact HMRC.

THE MGROUP

The above points have been highlighted by Peter Smith, a partner at The MGroup Partnership, an efficient and friendly firm of chartered certified accountants and taxation advisors with offices in Witney and Oxford. Peter can be contacted at p.smith@theMgroup.co.uk if you would like to discuss your tax affairs or for more information please contact The MGroup on (Oxford) 01865 552925 or (Witney) 01993 776476.

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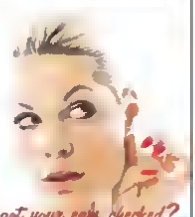

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14 Besides (4)
17 Sin (13)
19 Undevating (8)
20 Smooth out (4)
21 Recapitulate (3,2)
22 Settler (7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Cargo (6)
3 Answers (7)
4 Trapping (9)
5 Meant to be sung (5)
6 Syncopated music (7)
7 Able to pay debts (7)
11 Essential (9)
12 Bears witness (7)
13 Word arrangement (7)
15 Meeting period (7)
16 Gloomy (6)
18 Allow too little (5)

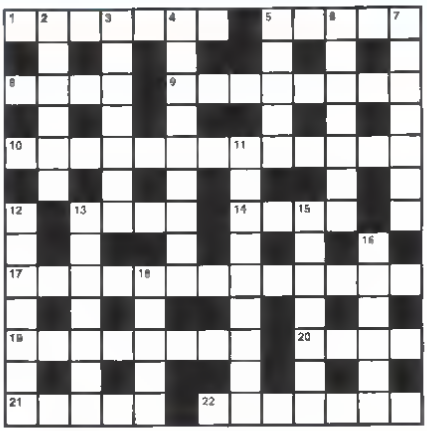
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Tells by means of fashionable documents (7)
5 Confers underwear (5)
8 Let it stand as a sort of test (4)
9 Relax and do come in. How suggestive! (8)
10 Herr Doktor should be able to diagnose this complaint (6,7)
13 Times up. Come out (4)
14 Forbidden pixel? (4)
17 I am to consider skilful points. Quite incalculable (13)
19 Is a metal cup a Spanish ruler? (8)
20 With which to see the flag? (4)
21 Groups who sang out after the end of the drinking (5)
22 Pave the way to waking the snake stop (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Catch her being behind (6)
3 It's best to work it up. Mother (7)
4 Strangely animated about a letter - simply pickled in fact (9)
5 Shakespearian character on the fiddle (5)
6 Very thick-skinned, she goes fifty-fifty with the Editor (7)
7 Please speak about misfits (7)
11 Disconcert me coming back to hinder a right fool (9)
12 Character can squeeze round it (7)
13 Account for being no longer obvious (7)
15 Imitate the out-of-work bishop with this nonsense (7)
16 It's pardonable when mercenary takes one in (6)
18 Proverbially they must when Satan is at the wheel (5)



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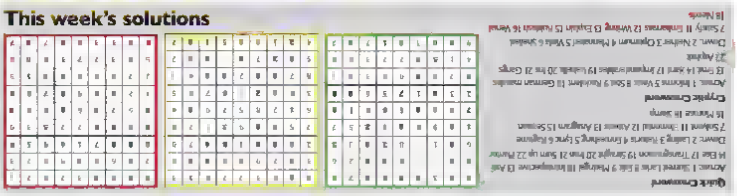

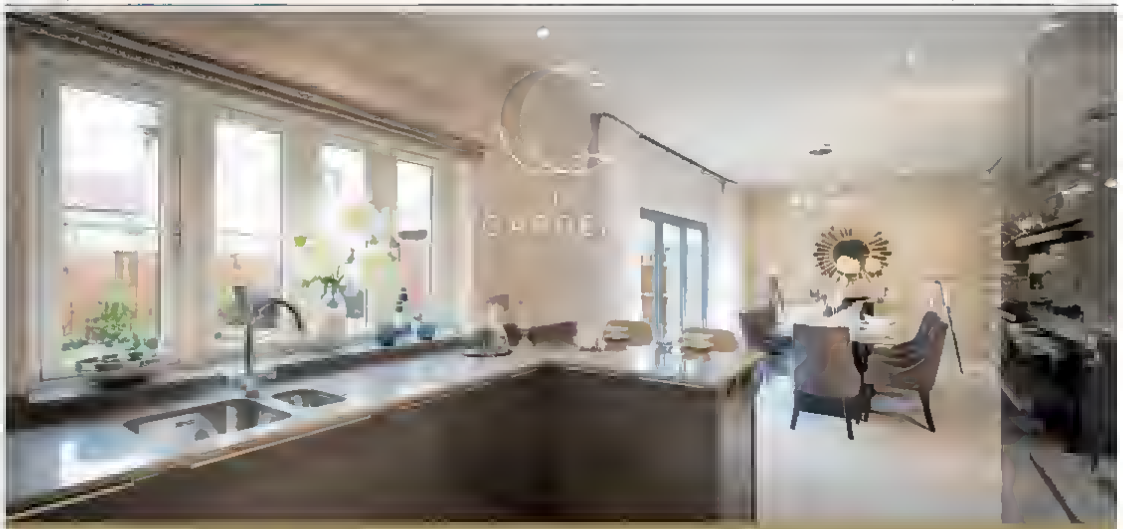

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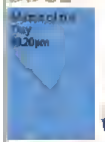
Saturday August 27th

BBC1



6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** (S) **11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food** (S)(R) **13.00 Football Focus** (S) **12.30 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News**, Weather (S) **1.10 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights** (S) **3.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final** Hull FC v Warrington Wolves (kick-off 3.00pm) (S) **5.30 Now You See It** (S) **5.40 The Getaway Car** (S) **6.50 BBC News** (S)

7.00 BBC Regional News; Weather
7.10 Pointless Celebrities Stars from the world of TV comedy compete in the unorthodox quiz show. (S)

8.00 Casualty New series. The medical drama turns 30 in an extended episode. (S)

9.50 The National Lottery Live The all-important numbers. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.50 FILM Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994) (15) Gothic horror starring Robert De Niro and Kenneth Branagh. (S)

AFTER 12: 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

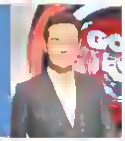
8.25 FILM The Importance of Being Earnest (1952) (U) (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Lost Land of the Tiger** (S)(R) **12.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **12.45 Bmg Crosby: Talking Pictures** (S) **1.25 FILM That's Entertainment! (1974) (U)** (S) **3.30 Full Steam Ahead** (S)(R) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.30 Fing It!** (S)(R) **6.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra 2016** (S)

7.30 Greece with Simon Reeve Part one of two. The presenter takes a tour of Greece (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army The platoon is picked to appear in an army training film. (S)(R)

9.00 Edinburgh Nights Comedians at the Edinburgh Festival offer their take on the EU Referendum. Last in the series. (S)
9.30 The Truth Commissioner (S)

ITV



6.00 CITV 8.35 ITV News (S) **9.30 Weekend** (S) **9.30 I Am Team GB 10.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore (1976) (13)** (S) **1.30 ITV News**; Weather (S) **1.35 River Monsters** (S)(R) **3.05 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **4.00 FILM The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12)** (S) **6.05 ITV Bargain of the Week** (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 You've Been Framed! Gold** (S)

7.00 Go for It New series. Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges. (S)

8.00 The X Factor New series. Dermot O'Leary comes back to the X Factor field. (S)

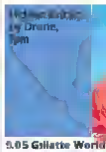
9.30 FILM The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) (12) The amnesiac assassin regains his memory just as a CIA director sets in motion a plan to kill him. Spy thriller starring Matt Damon. (S)

10.35 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.50 FILM The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) (12) Concludes. (S)

11.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 2.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.00 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4



6.05 Gillette World Sport (S) **6.30 Tri Liverpool** (S) **7.30 Fraser** (S)(R) **8.55 The Morning Line** (S) **9.55 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **11.25 Salvage SOS** (S)(R) **11.55 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **2.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.45 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.40 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke** (S)(R) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Hidden Britain by Drone Part one of two. Tony Robinson presents aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public. (S)(R)

8.00 The Good Terrorist Home videos and personal testimonies shed light on the life of South African campaigner John Harris. (S)

9.00 FILM Last Vegas (2013) (12) Premiere. Four sixtysomething friends decide to relive their wild youth with a trip to Las Vegas. Comedy with Michael Douglas (S)

11.05 FILM Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) (15) Sci-fi comedy starring John Cusack and Clark Duke. (S)

1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.00** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.55** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.50** Hughes's 3 Good Things. Best Bits (S)(R) **5.00** Countdown (S)(R) **5.50** Draw It! (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshaka! 8.25 The Fairly OddParents 9.00 The Saturday Show Live 11.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) **13.00 Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** Residents in Guildford object to their neighbour opening a cannabis cafe (S)(R) **1.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (R) **2.00 Police Interceptors** (R) **5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (R) **6.55 5 News** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Action from the second one-day international of the five-match series which took place at Lord's. (S)

8.00 World's Fastest Train Exploring four historic engineering breakthroughs that paved the way for France's high-speed TGV (S)(R)

8.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two (S)
10.30 The Funny Thing About Dating (S)

12.20 Impractical Jokers UK Friends David, Matt, Lee and Paul compete in a series of challenges. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) **6.50** Can't Pay: Christmas Special (S)(R) **6.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **9.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Harm (S)(R) **6.50** Rnary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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8.00 Angle Tribeca **3.15** Gogglebox **6.55** Revenge

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6.00 Mcflusted: The Hot Desk **6.55** Emmerdale **9.30** I Am Team Gb **10.30** Coronation Street **11.55** Catchphrase **1.00** Re-Enticering Joey Essex. GCSE Special **2.45** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy starring Amanda Bynes. **4.45** FYI Daily **5.00** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.30** The X Factor: Top Ten Success Stories **6.55** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **6.50** FYI Daily **8.55** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **7.30** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **8.00** FYI Daily **9.55** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Concluded. **8.30** The Xtra Factor: Live **10.30** Family Guy **11.20** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.55** Mom **1.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

9.00 Movies New **9.10** French Fields **8.55** Judge Judy **7.20** Where the Heart Is **9.30** I Am Team Gb **10.30** A Touch of Frost **11.55** FILM: That's Carry On (1978) (PG) Compilation from the long-running series. **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: That's Carry On (1978) (PG) Concluded. **2.40** FILM: The Young Victoria (2009) (PG) Historical drama, starring Emily Blunt. **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45** FILM: The Young Victoria (2009) (PG) Concluded. **4.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.30** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY 116 FV 9

7.00 David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour **8.00** The Return of Flying Scotsman **9.00** Rock: In the Name of God **10.30** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **11.30** Red Hot Chili Peppers at Reading Festival 2016 **4.00** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **2.00** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.40** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **3.00** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 The Mindy Project **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.30** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Made in Chelsea: South of France **11.00** Nine Gr8 **11.20** How I Met Your Mother **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.30** FILM: Turner & Hooch (1989) (PG) Family cop/sci-fi comedy starring Tom Hanks. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **11.20** Gogglebox **6.00** Rude Tube **6.00** 2 Stevos **11.00**

MORE4 SKY 138 FV 14

8.30 Hugh's 3 Good Things. Best Bites **9.30** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.40** Time Team **10.40** The Untold Great Fire of London **11.20** Come Dine with Me **2.30** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **2.40** Celebrity Come Dine with Me **3.30** Come Dine with Me: Rugby World Cup Special **8.55** Great Canal Journeys **6.55** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **6.55** Location, Location, Location **9.00** Grand Designs **9.00** FILM: Welcome to the Punch (2013) (15) Crime thriller starring James McAvoy and Mark Strong. **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.00** Cnofined 4 Comedy Gala 2016: Best Bits **11.55** Fletcher Tnd **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.05** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2016: Best Bits **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV 15

11.00 Chalet Girl (2011) (12) Comedy starring Felicity Jones. **6.00** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) Family comedy starring Jim Carrey. **2.55** Thunderbirds (2004) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **8.00** 17 Again (2009) (12) Comedy starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. **6.45** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **9.00** The Heat (2013) (15) An ambitious FBI agent and an unconventional cop are forced to work together to bring a drug kingpin to justice. Action comedy with Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy. **11.20** Predator 2 (1990) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel starring Danny Glover. **1.30** Byzantium (2012) (15) Vamp re horror with Gemma Arterton and Saoirse Ronan. **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV 12

7.00 S n City Meters **7.50** Top Gear **10.30** Strange Hunters: UK **11.00** S n City Meters **11.00** Top Gear **6.00** Red Dwarf **5.00** Mctorney Eats **6.20** Top Gear **8 00** FILM: Daming to Announce (1969) (15) Comedy starring Eddie Murphy. **11.20** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **12.20** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.20** Qi XL **3.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **4.00** Close

ORAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.10 The Last Detective **1.00** Dalziel & Pascne **7.00** New Tricks **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries **0 00** FILM: The American President (1995) (15) Political comedy starring Michael Douglas. **11.20** Waking the Dead **1.40** Dalziel & Pascne **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY 106

6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Ashley Banjo a Secret Street Crew **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Secret AM **11.30** What's Up **11.00** The F1 Show **12.30** Futurama **3.00** Modern Family **8 00** David Attenborough's Wild City **8.00** FILM: Snakes on a Plane (2006) (15) Thriller starring Samuel L Jackson. **11.20** A League of Their Own: Unseen **11.20** Kent Pullingtons: The Meaning of Life **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** The Last Ship **3.00** Mount Pleasant **8.00** Banker Seeumy: Canada's Front Line **5.30** Futurama

SKY ATLANTIC SKY 108

8.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** Cold Case **11.20** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **12.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.20** Dare **1.00** The Sopranos **8.55** Cold Case **3.05** Without a Trace **4.00** The Petrol Age **6.55** Urban Secrets

W SKY 109

6.00 DIY SOS: Children in Need Special **8.55** The Fbi **12.15** EastEnders **2.45** FILM: Far and Away (1992) (15) Romantic period drama starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. **8.00** Outnumbered **7.30** Dynamo: Live at the O2 **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Sherlock **12.15** Stranded **8.55** Atlantis **8.00** Being Human USA **2.50** Dynamic Top Ten Greatest Moments **3 00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Jeeves and Wooster **8.30** Allo Allo! **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **7 00** Gavin & Stacey **11.20** Rob Brydon Live **11.00** Rowan Atkinson Live **1.00** House of Fools **1.40** jam **8.55** Rob Brydon Live **3.05** House of Fools **3.37** Rik the Runt **8.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

6.00 Football Cafe **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Premier League Legend **8.00** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** EFL Genk **5.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.20** Premier League Highlights

Sunday August 28th

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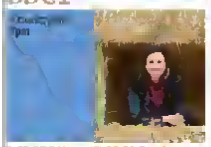


DAYTIME

3.00 RBC News (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 RBC News** (S) **1.15 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **1.15 Summer Earth's Seasonal Secrets** (S) (R) **2.15 Eat Well for Less?** (S)(R) **4.15 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **5.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.55 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **8.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News, Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Countryfile** Joe Crowley meets a tenant farmer to see what sort of problem he faces working on the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** New series. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Tewkesbury Abbey Gloucestershire. (S)

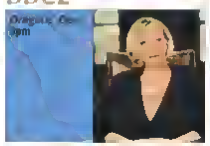
9 **9.00 Are You Being Served?** Remake of the celebrated sitcom (S)
9.30 Porridge Updated version of the prison comedy (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Manchester City v West Ham United (S)

11 **11.25 Comedy Connections** The story behind Are You Being Served? (S)(R)
11.55 Comedy Connections The story behind Porridge. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.30** RBC News (S)

BBC2



11.15 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook (R) **11.45 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **11.15 MOTD2 Extra 1.00 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights** (S) **2.00 FILM: Nona But the Brave (1085)** (PG) (S) **3.45 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.30 Kate Humble: My Shropdog and Me** (S)(R) **5.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice** (S)(R) **8.00 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart** (S)(R)

7 **7.00 Cats v Dogs: Which is Best?** In the second of two programmes, pooches and pussies are tested in training skills, intelligence and their capacity for love. (S)(R)

8 **8.00 Robot Wars** Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the final featuring the five heat winners and one of the runners-up. Last in the series. (S)

9 **9.00 Dragons' Den** A merchant navy officer turned-product designer demonstrates his tablet holder and two proud parents pitch their organic skincare product for babies. (S)

10 **10.00 Fleabag** Dumped by her boyfriend, Fleabag attempts to rekindle romantic fires. (S)
10.30 Murder or Successville This week DI Sleet is joined by TV personality Mark Wright. (S)

11 **11.00 FILM: Up There (2012) (15)** Comic fantasy with Sam German and Kate O'Flynn. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.25 FILM: Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (2009) (15)** Fact based drama, with Anna Mouglalis and Mads Mikkelsen. **2.05** Sign Zone: Derby City (S)(R) **3.05** This Is RBC Two (S)

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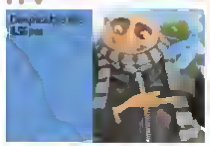

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.15 FILM: Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975)** (PG) (S) **1.15 ITV News; Weather** (S) **1.20 Long Lost Family** (S) (R) **2.15 The Chase** (S)(R) **3.25 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.55 FILM: Despicable Me (2010)** (U) Animated comedy with the voice of Steve Carell. (S) **8.35 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7 **7.00 Ellie Simmonds: Swimming with Dolphins** The Paralympic swimmer takes a break from training to conquer her fear of the open ocean. (S)

8 **8.00 The X Factor** Dermot O'Leary presents as the opening weekend auditions continue. (S)

9 **9.00 Victoria** New series. Period drama, charting the 18-year-old Queen Victoria's struggle to mature into a formidable ruler capable of building an empire. Starring Jenna Coleman. (S)

10 **10.35 ITV News; Weather** (S)
10.50 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones Griff travels across Namibia in the south-west. (S)(R)

11 **11.45 Tipping Point** Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.45 Jackpot247 3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen 8.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.15 Motor Sport: Caterham Motorsport (S) **8.00 Motor Sport: Spa Classic** (S) **7.05 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **8.00 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.00 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Live** (S) **4.00 Gay Marlin's Passion for Life** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** People who sought homes in Fife and Derby (S)(R) **8.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **8.35 Channel 4 News** (S)

7 **7.00 Posh Pawn** The owner of a historic boat seeks £750,000 to fulfil his dream of becoming a well-known children's author. (S)

8 **8.00 Prehistoric Mega Beasts: Croc v Snake** The prehistoric rivalry between a 43 foot snake and a similarly sized crocodile. (S)

9 **9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything** Noel Fielding, Eddie Izzard, Alan Carr, Chelsea Peretti, Romesh Ranganathan and Dara O Briain are quizzed by Jimmy Carr. Last in the series. (S)

10 **10.35 FILM: The Watch (2012) (15)** Sci-fi comedy starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn. (S)

AFTER 12 **12.40 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Highlights** (S) **1.40** Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **2.05** Walking the Himalayas (S) (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **3.55** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **6.50** Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

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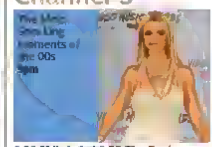

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents 10.30 Football on 5 The Championship (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.05 Access** (R) **12.10 Now That's Funny!** (R) **1.10 FILM: Are We There Yet? (2005)** (PG) **3.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **4.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **5.00 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **8.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** (S)(R)

7 **7.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** Compilation of internet videos featuring children doing bizarre and humorous things. (S)

8 **8.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special** The agents grapple with emotional evictions and moral dilemmas. (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9 **9.00 The Most Shocking Moments of the 00s** Key moments and clips from the decade, featuring Justin Bieber's antics, Lady Gaga's meat dress and Britney Spears' meltdown. (S)

10 **11.55 Tattoo Disasters UK** The stories of more people who regret their tattoos and are taking steps to get them removed. (S)(R)

AFTER 12 **12.00 Lip Sync Battle: Walking Dead Special** (S) **1.15** SuperCasino **2.10** Suspects. The Enemy Within (S)(R) **8.00** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **8.00** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

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8.00 Planet's Funniest An mals **9.00** Emmerdale **5.35** Coronation Street **12.00** The X Factor **1.30** The Xtra Factor Live **2.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.00** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) Concluded **4.55** FILM: Benn (1997) (PG) Comedy starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.55** FYI Daily **9.00** FILM: Benn (1997) (PG) Concluded. **6.45** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Grimadoink's Aventure, starring Edward Norton. **7.00** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. **8.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.25** Bewitched **12.00** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) Comedy starring Leigh Francis. **9.00** FYI Daily **1.55** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) Concluded. **2.30** Telechopping

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8.05 Rising Damp **8.00** A Touch of Frost **9.00** Heartbeat **12.00** Goodnight Mister Tom **2.30** Lewis **5.10** FILM: Anne of Green Gables (2015) (U) Premiere. Family drama, starring Ella Ballentine. **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Investigator: A British Crime Story **1.00** Wire In the Blood **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.30** Rising Damp **8.00** ITV3 Nightscreen

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7.00 BBC Proms 2016. Barenboim Conducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra **9.00** Sounds of the Eighties **10.00** Glastonbury 2016: with Wolf Gompertz **10.30** Billy Clyn at Reading Festival 2016 **12.00** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **1.00** Horizon: Playing God **1.50** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis **3.00** Sounds of the Eighties **3.25** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 The Mindy Project **9.00** Baby Daddy **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **5.00** Hollyoaks **12.01** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.00** The Gelfriends **4.30** FILM: ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee **8.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.30** Gogglebox **1.00** Containment **5.00** New Girl **1.30** First Dates **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY 138 FV 14

9.00 River Cottage Hens **9.25** James's 15 Minute Meals **5.00** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **10.00** Phil Spencer's Stately Homes **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.00** Four in a Bed **9.00** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The World's Most Extreme **5.00** Father Ted **10.05** Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** 24 Hours in A&E **1.20** That's So Last Century **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV 15

12.00 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) (U) Disney comedy starring Rick Moranis. **9.00** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) (U) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. **2.45** Rio (2011) (U) Animated comedy with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. **4.35** Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) Family comedy starring Dwayne Johnson. **9.00** GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) (12) Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum. **9.00** X-Men: First Class (2011) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, with James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender. **11.35** Insidious (2010) (15) Horror, starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne. **1.40** Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013) (15) Horror sequel starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne. **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV 12

7.10 Flip Men **8.00** Top Gear **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Traffic Cops **11.35** Motorway Cops **1.30** Top Gear: Botswana Special **2.30** Top Gear: Winter Olympics Special **3.30** Top Gear: India Special **5.30** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **9.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **12.00** Parks and Recreation **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.00** Red Dwarf **2.35** Suits **3.25** Fl n Men **4.00** Close

ORAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.10 The Last Detective **9.00** Dalziel & Pascoe **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.35** Dalziel & Pascoe **3.30** Birds of a Feather **4.00** Close

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8.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **9.00** Futurama **12.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Rugby's Funniest Moments **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride **2.00** Four Weddings **3.00** Battle of the Brides **9.00** Modern Family **8.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **5.00** Zoe **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **12.00** Step, Snatch, Seize **12.00** The Fixer Manchester **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Air Ambulance ER **3.00** Mount Pleasant **9.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

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8.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **9.00** David Attenborough: a Conquest of the Skies **2.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Cold Case **5.00** Road of Brothers **11.35** Ray Donovan **12.45** The Sopranos **2.00** Veep **4.00** The Petrol Age **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY 109

8.00 Bondi Rescue **8.00** EastEnders **12.15** FILM: Fly Away Home (1996) (U) Farm ly adventure starring Jeff Daniels and Anne Paquin. **1.35** FILM: Patch Adams (1998) (12) Comedy drama with Robin Williams. **3.50** FILM: Made in Manhattan (2002) (PG) Romantic comedy with Jennifer Lopez and Ralph Fiennes. **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** Sanity and the Beast **5.00** Sherlock **12.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Being Human USA **1.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **1.35** Doctor Who: The Caners Revisited **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Jeeves and Wooster **8.00** Allo Allo! **8.00** Creature Comforts **5.00** Only Fools and Horses **7.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** FILM: Burn After Reading (2008) (15) The Coen brothers' comedy starring Brad Pitt and George Clooney. **12.50** 15 Storeys High **2.50** Jam **2.40** 15 Storeys High **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

8.00 Premier League Highlights **5.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday: West Ham ch Allsvn v Middlesbrough (kick-off 1.30pm) **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Manchester City v West Ham United (Kick-off 4.00pm). All the action from the Premier League fixture at the Etihad Stadium as Pep Guardiola's side host Slaven Bilic's Hammers. **7.00** Live La Liga Football: Athletic Bilbao v Barcelona (Kick-off 7.15pm) Coverage of the Spanish top-flight clash as the Estadio San Mames v s Barca continue their defence of the title. **9.15** Live La Liga Football: Villarreal v Sevilla (kick-off 9.15pm). **12.15** Goals on Sunday **12.15** Premier League Highlights **1.15** Spanish Football Highlights **2.15** The Sunday Supplement **9.00** Goals on Sunday **9.00** Premier League Highlights **5.00** EFL Goals

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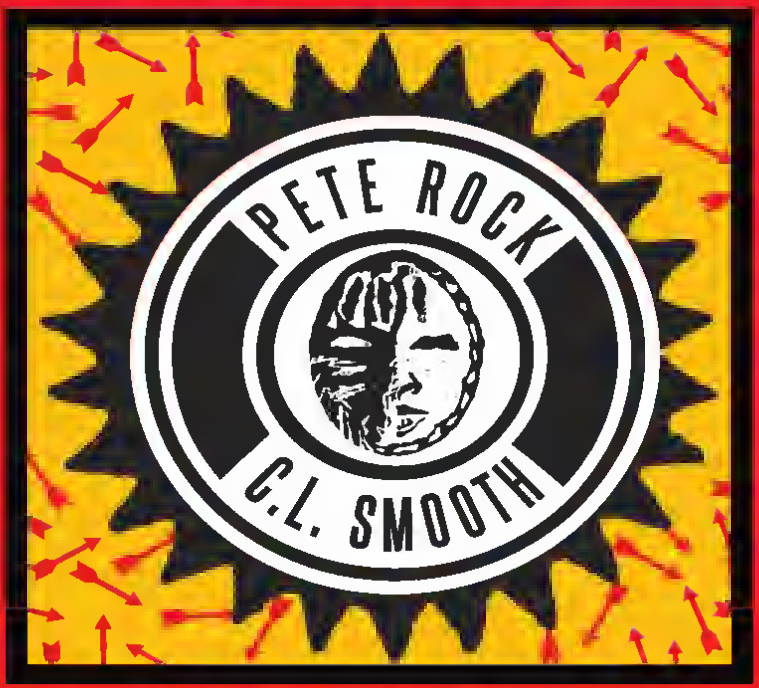

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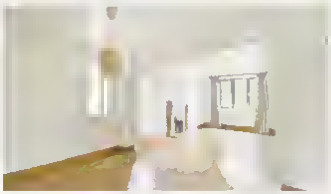

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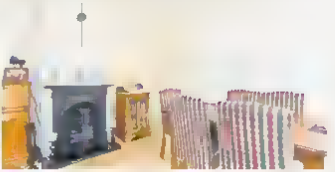

Drayton £440,000
Chalet bungalow offering tranquil living as it is situated within a no through road in the village of Drayton. EPC Rating D.

Abingdon £385,000
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Culham £450,000

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Garford

Set in the pretty farming hamlet of Garford, St Christopher is a charming four bedroom detached family home. The ground floor accommodation comprises: a triple aspect sitting room, cloakroom and re-fitted kitchen which in turn leads to the additional ground floor room which can double as a utility and reception room. The master bedroom benefits from an en suite, with the additional three bedrooms served by a family bathroom. Externally the rear garden provides a generous lawn area with a good degree of privacy. EPC – E

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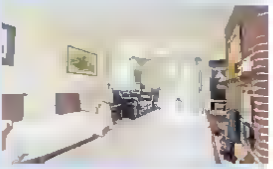

Steventon

This larger than expected four bedroom chalet style home is located within the sought after village of Steventon. The ground floor comprises: generous hall, dual aspect sitting/dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, and two bedrooms served by a modern fitted bathroom. Stairs rise from the hall providing two double bedrooms and a beautifully re-fitted shower room. Externally a mature rear garden is primarily laid to lawn with a covered pergola, single garage and off road parking to the front. EPC – E

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Two double bedrooms with ensuite to master, study deck, secure underground car park, on site private gym for residents. Unfurnished. Available Immediately. EPC RATING. C

Longworth £1 550 pcm

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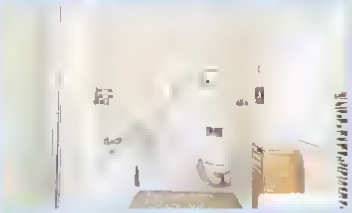

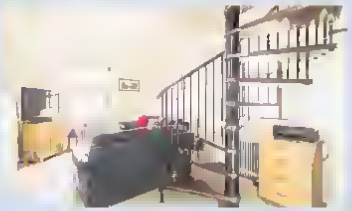

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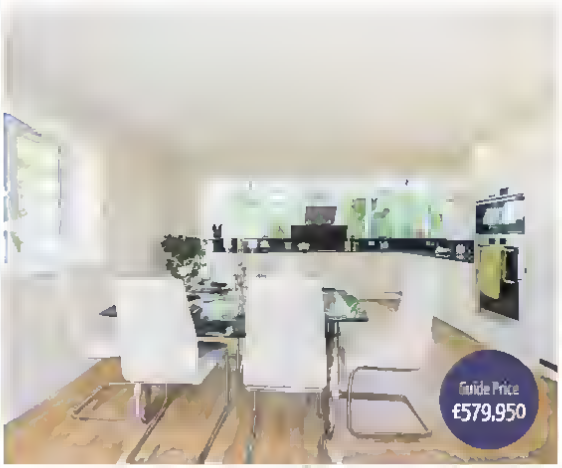
Detached home in Tudor Walk, Rowstock



Tudor Walk Rowstock is an individually designed four-bedroom detached house, set within a quartet of similar properties with a private gated entrance, perfectly proportioned for today's modern family with practical and stylish living throughout.

A spacious dual aspect sitting room and a fabulous triple aspect kitchen/dining room with a glazed vaulted bay overlooking open fields. All complemented by a study, utility room and a cloakroom.

It boasts four double bedrooms an en-suite shower room to the master room in addition to a family bathroom with a separate shower and bath, garage, parking and enclosed garden.

To arrange to view this family home call Brecken & Breckon on 01235 550550.

Contemporary feel to four-bedroom house in Marcham

This attractive four bedroom three bathroom family home at Abbots Grange, Marcham, has bright and spacious accommodation throughout.

It features an impressive and contemporary kitchen/breakfast room with triple glazed doors to the substantial rear garden.

In addition there is a separate utility, a dining room and two further reception rooms.

The master and guest rooms benefit from en-suite shower rooms, there are two further double bedrooms and a stylish family bathroom.

The house has a guide price of £600,000. For further details or to arrange a viewing contact Brecken & Breckon on 01235 550550.

Is Oxford over crowded, or can more be done to find room for new homes?

Bill Cooper, author of The Oxford Property Blog

Oxford is in the clutches of a population crisis that has now started to affect the quality of life of those living in Oxford.

There are simply not enough homes in Oxford to house the growing numbers of people who want to live in the city.

The burden on public services is approaching breaking point with many parents unable to send their child to their first choice primary or secondary school and the chances of getting a decent dentist or GP next to nil.

That's what the papers would say anyway! But I've taken a look at real numbers, and in particular I've looked at the housing issue in Oxford.

To start with...the UK has roughly 1,065 people per square mile – the second highest in Europe. The total area of Oxford itself is 12,821 square miles and there are 158,900 Oxford residents, meaning 12,669 people live in each square mile of Oxford, or 11,600 more than the national average – so it's no wonder we appear to be bursting at the seams.

But we all know that newspapers, politicians and property market bloggers quote big numbers to sell more newspapers, get elected or get people reading their blog (I recognise the irony!).

A square mile is enormous and much bigger than it sounds, so the numbers look correspondingly large.

Most people reading this will know what an acre is but those younger readers who don't, it is an Imperial unit of measurement for land and is approximately 63 square metres.

In Oxford fractionally more than 18 people live in every acre of Oxford, not as headline grabbing but a lot more relative to everyday life and if I am being honest, a figure that doesn't seem that bad.

However the issue at hand is we need more homes to be built. In 2007 Tony Blair set a target that 240,000 homes a year needed to be built to keep up with the population growth, whilst the Tories new target since 2010 was a more modest 200,000 a year.

However since 2010 as a country we have only been building between 140,000 and 150,000 homes a year. So where are we going to build them? Because we have no space! Or do we?

Well let me tell you this fascinating piece of information – I found out recently in an official Government report that in England the 20million English homes cover only 11 per cent of its land mass.

That is not a typo, only one point one per cent of land in England is covered by residential property which leaves 87.5 per cent as open countryside.

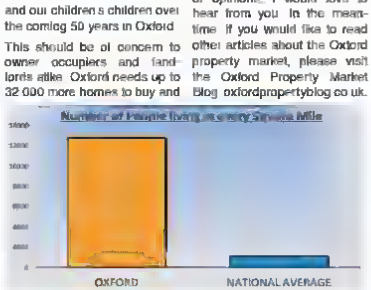
As a country we have plenty of space to build more homes for the younger generation and the five million more homes needed in the next 20 years would use only around 0.25 per cent of the country's land.

Now I am not advocating building massive housing estates and 20 storey concrete and glass apartment blocks next to local beauty spots such as Blenheim Palace or Christ Church Meadow but with some clever planning and joined up thinking, we really do need to think outside the box when it comes to how we are going to build and house our children and our children's children over the coming 50 years in Oxford.

This should be of concern to owner occupiers and landlords alike. Oxford needs up to 32,000 more homes to buy and to rent to keep up with population growth.

Today average house prices are 16.2 times average earnings, amongst the highest once London is excluded and growing.

If anyone has their own ideas or opinions, I would love to hear from you. In the meantime if you would like to read other articles about the Oxford property market, please visit the Oxford Property Market Blog oxfordpropertyblog.co.uk.



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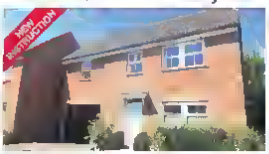

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This fantastic top floor apartment offers hallway lounge / diner fitted kitchen, bathroom, double bedroom with separate bathroom.

Abingdon £385,000

Well presented three bedroom link detached on the popular Audlett Drive development. The property benefits from a conservatory, an enclosed rear garden.

Abingdon OIRO £400,000

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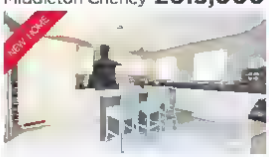
Middleton Cheney £615,000



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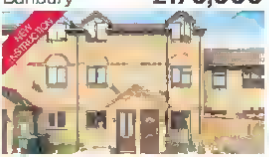
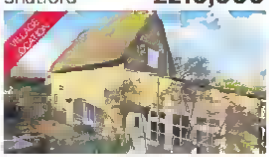


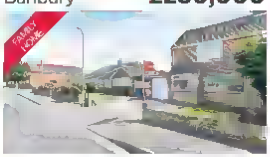
EPC D
Two Bedrooms Apartment
Off Street Parking
Freehold

Shutford £210,000



EPC F
Detached Two Bedroom Cottage
Grade II Listed
Character Features & Private Garden

Banbury £280,000



EPC E
Three Bedrooms
Semi-Detached
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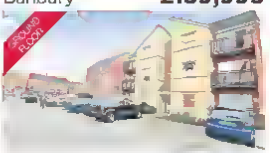
Banbury £139,995



EPC D
One Bedroom
Ground Floor Apartment
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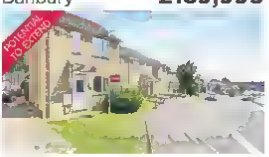
Banbury £189,995



EPC D
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SHILTON PARK £190,000

SOLD ON 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Beautifully presented top floor apartment located on the Shilton Park development. Offering well planned accommodation. EPC Rating C.

SHILTON PARK £205,000

Larger than average apartment located close to local amenities and within the Shilton Park development. Viewing is needed to appreciate the accommodation. EPC Rating B.

SHILTON PARK £245,000

Pretty Cotswold Stone terrace family home located on Shilton Park. With local shops and primary School nearby this really is a perfect family home. EPC Rating C.

SWINBROOK PARK £299,995

NEW HOME - Three bedroom mid terrace house on the new Swinbrook Park development just over one mile from Carterton town centre. EPC Rating Exempt.

SWINBROOK PARK £449,995

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SHILTON PARK £500,000

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Standlake £100,000

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A well presented two bedroom park home located on Lincoln Park Farm in Standlake. EPC Rating TBC.

Chadlington OIEO £300,000

This unique period cottage offers a private patio garden, off street parking, a double garage and both a family bathroom and en-suite shower room. EPC Rating E.

Brize Norton £375,000

A well presented detached four bedroom family home in Brize Norton. The property benefits from both a garage and driveway parking for several cars. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D.

Witney £385,000

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Witney £325,000

A fantastic three bedroom cottage located within a short walking distance from the Witney town centre. This family home has both character and modern features. EPC Rating E.

Witney £265,000

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OPEN HOUSE EVENT ON SATURDAY 27th Augnst 12 1.30 PM please call to reserve your allocated slot. A well presented modernised, recently re-decorated mid terrace property.

Bampton £325,000

A well presented period cottage. The property combines both modern and character features and has the advantage of a mature rear garden. EPC Rating E.

Thorney Leys £295,000

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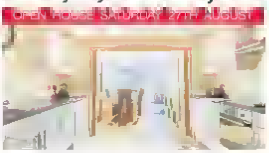

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Temple Cowley £225,000

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EPC Rating C

Cowley £225,000

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Greater Leys £225,000

TWO BEDROOM ground floor flat benefits from having its own Entrance door and is an ideal first time buy or investment purchase The property currently comprises of- Entrance Hall, Lounge / Dining Room, Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Bedroom One and Two, Bathroom Suite, Communal Gardens and Car port.
EPC Rating Awaited

Cowley £400,000

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

This THREE BEDROOM bay fronted SEMI DETACHED offers families generous living space having two reception rooms, the second reception room extended to 23ft at the rear. The kitchen is modern with fitted units and externally the front and rear gardens are landscaped.
EPC Rating D

Kennington £300,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Tucked away in a cul de sac in the sought after village of Kennington is this WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM end of terraced property. Externally there is a garage and parking

EPC Rating D

Greater Leys £280,000

WELL PRESENTED two bedroom semi detached home offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property is situated in a desirable cu de sac benefiting from a conservatory, garage and off road parking.

EPC Rating D

Florence Park £360,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This property is in the Florence Park area and a fantastic price for a FOUR BEDROOM EXTENDED property An internal viewing will reveal:- Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner and bathroom to the ground floor To the first floor there are four bedrooms and WC.
EPC Rating E

Cowley £335,000

EXTENDED semi detached house with THREE BEDROOMS and TWO RECEPTION ROOMS Ground and first floor WET ROOMS. Front and rear gardens GARAGE to rear Ideal family home or investment property NO ONWARD CHAIN

EPC Rating D

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Risinghurst **OIE £350,000**

A well presented, extended home in the popular Risinghurst area. With substantial accommodation over two levels the property good access to local hospitals and amenities.

Quarry **£400,000**

Offered with no onward cha n and set within the ever popular Quarry conservation area

Marston **£450,000**

Three bedroom extended family home in this highly regarded side road situated within the Cherwell School catchment area. This property has both a garage and off street parking.

Risinghurst **OIE £375,000**

A semi detached house in the popular area of Risinghirst with good access to Oxford hospitals and the A40. This property benefits from a substantial mature rear garden

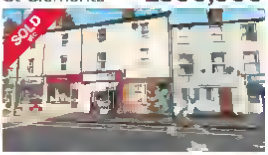
Botley **£525,000**

Attractive Edwardian bay fronted home w th penod features s tuated on a quiet no through road in West Oxford within walking distance to Oxford train station.

Kidlington **£475,000**

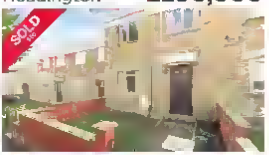
Spacious four bedroom detached property available in central Kidlington. Benefiting from close proximity to local amenities including Oxford Parkway rail station.

St Clements **£500,000**



Rare opportunity to purchase this versatile home in the popular St Clements area. The property is situated with local shops and transport to London on its doorstep

Headington **£290,000**



Superb recently refurbished home situated on a no through road in the increasingly popular area of Barton. Offered with no onward chain.

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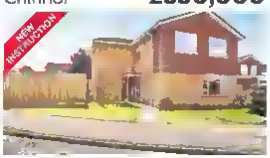
Ickford **£700,000**

A contemporary five bedroom detached executive family home that enjoys a cul-de-sac location in the heart of this sought after historical Oxfordshire village.

Chinnor **£550,000**



Located in a cul de sac of s milar styled propert es that provides good access to the centre of this popular local village this lovely home is offered for sale in pristine order

Brill **£525,000**

A contemporary three bedroom family home which has been subject to extension over recent years and now provides larger than average living space

Ickford **£500,000**

A family size four bedroom detached house that enjoys a pleasing rural aspect to the rear along with a mature and well tended garden.

Shabbington **£500,000**

A contemporary four bedroom detached home with wonderful panoramic views to the rear over the surrounding countryside

Brill **£475,000**

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Tetsworth **£365,000**

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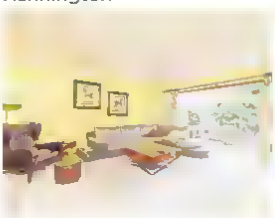
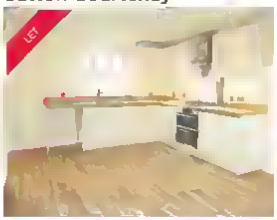
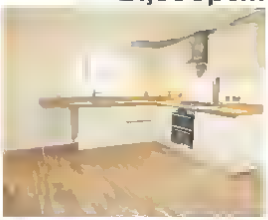


A well-presented four bedroom home with off street parking and a large garden.

Sutton Courtenay — £1,550pcm





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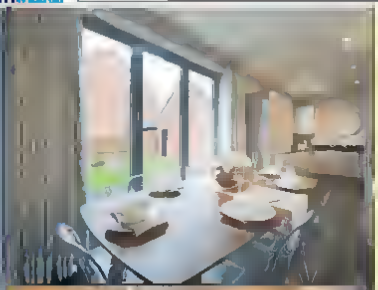

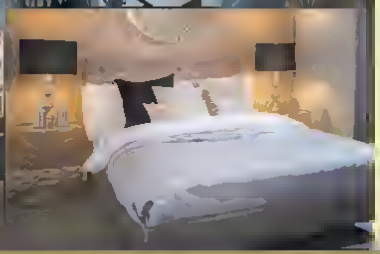

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What's to come at Towersey Festival

AFTER the excitement of the 2015 Towersey Festival, 2016 is set to be bigger and better than ever.

By **James Richings**

From Friday August 26 to Monday August 29 some of the country's biggest folk, soft rock, instrumental and country artists will arrive at Thame Showground to show why Towersey is regarded as one the UK's most relaxing festivals.

Among the most anticipated acts is the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain on Saturday, August 27, to kick-start your Bank Holiday Weekend.

"Audiences like to have a good time at our shows and I'm sure the crowd at Towersey will be terrific," ukulele player Will Grove-White, pictured second from left, told the Guardian.

"You can expect a funny virtuosic, feet-stomping obituary of rock 'n' roll and melodious light entertainment.

"It will feature only the bonsai guitar and a menagerie of voices in a collision of post-punk performance and toe-tapping oldies."

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has been entertaining audiences across the world since 1985 which has seen its members clocking up a total of 16 million minutes in playing time.

And as well as Grove-White, the orchestra consists of Dave Suich, Peter Brooke Turner, Hester Goodman, George Hinchliffe, Richie Williams, Kitty Lux and Jonty Banks.

Since its formation 31 years ago, The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has become regarded as one of the world's leading ukulele groups.

Performances at the Royal Albert Hall, the Sydney Opera House, Glastonbury, the BBC Proms and on TV show 'Later... with Jools Holland' have powered the group into music folklore with their unique playing style, witty humour and brilliant interpretations of well-known tracks.

"I don't think any of us expected that it would have such a long life or that there would be a ukulele revival across the globe," he said.

"When we started, if anyone had told me we were going to be playing at Carnegie Hall, the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House I'd have eaten my hat.

"Good job no-one did as I don't much like the taste of hats."

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

The line-up of acts for day one and two:

Friday August 26

Billy Bragg
Kate Rusby
Holy Moly and the Crackers
Luke Concannon
Lynched
Rusty Shackle
Tapette
Sandy Dorus and the Hoolie Band
Georgia Shackleton Trio
Steve Tilston and Jaz Lowe
Brighde Chaimbeul
Fleetwood Cave
Pete White – Suitcase Circus
The Remarcks
2am Blue
Raikin Hill
Festival Film Session
Loud Mountains
Memphis Rattlesnakes
Taulas Rocks
The 27
Traditional Dance Shows

Saturday August 27

The Wonder Stuff
Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain
Edward the Second
Kris Drever and Jan Carr
Damien O'Kane
Joasanne Clarke and Ren Walker
Nancy Kerr and James Fagan
Bright Shadows
Chris Sherburn and Denny Bartley
Jaz Lowe
Steve Tilston
Grace Petrie
The Cook and Rull Band
Will Finn and Rosie Calvert
Boodlum Band
Festival Film Session
Johnny and the Raindrops
Juliet Melody
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Introducing headliner: Billy Bragg

LIGHTING up the main stage at Towersey Festival tomorrow night will be veteran musician Billy Bragg.

By James Richings

Fresh from a media whirlwind of debates about whether the singer-songwriter and political left-wing activist is a Corbynista or not, Bragg will no doubt be looking forward to all the exciting and easygoing enjoyment of Thame's fiesta.

The 57-year-old is getting set to perform a mix of tunes from yesteryear to his newest song Shine a Light created during a mammoth railway adventure.

Bragg's set will showcase his latest tune, which forms part of his 16th studio album.

His work with fellow musician Joe Henry, was recorded via a very unorthodox method.

In March the pair embarked on a 2,270-mile train journey across the US.

During the trip they recorded self-penned songs for the new album at various trains stations and even on the trains themselves.

Indeed the role of railways in his work is something significant to Bragg.

"There's really something important about the role of the train song," he said.

"If you go to the roots of American music you've got blues and country.

"Obviously there are a lot of train songs in the blues but the father of country music, a guy named Jimmie Rodgers, actually was a brakeman on a train."

He added, "There were a few places where we couldn't get into the railway station because it was just too far away from the platform.

"So we just had to record by the side of the train, so you can hear a guy saying 'all aboard' and listing all the places that train is going."

Bragg and Henry travelled the bulk of the distance between Chicago and Los Angeles during the trip.

• Billy Bragg will be at Towersey Festival tomorrow night, August 26

• Billy Bragg (photo by Andy Whale)

The line-up of acts for day three and four:

Sunday August 28

Midge Ure
8Bach
Tom Robinson Band
Neil Byden
Nitropi
Andy Kershaw
Bob Fox
Tickled Pink
Jeremiah Ferrari
Ms Prisline's Great Decline
Mr B The Gentleman Rhymes
Celtic Heartbeat
English Country Dance Band
Festival Film Season
John Dippers and Dave Malkin
Josh Wheatley
Festival Dance House
Le Navet Bete Extravaganza
Nina Zeiia
Papa Truck
The Clear
The Exmouth Shanty
The Rip Roaring Success
Traditional Dance Show
Ursula Holden Gill

Monday August 29

Rory McLeod and the Familiar Strangers
Urban Folk Quartet
The Young'uns
Conservative Folk Ensemble
Ray Bailey
Whapweasel
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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Australia's Sticky Finger's bid to break into the UK music scene

By **James Richings**

THE sum of Sticky Finger's knowledge about Oxford is restricted to the university and Oxford English Dictionary.

But the band will at least get some semblance of the city's nightlife at Oxford's O2 Academy in Cowley Road on Wednesday August 31.

The Australian rock, indie and reggae group will be performing their latest album Westway (The Glitter & The Slums) before its official release next month.

Dylan Frost, Paddy Cornwall, Seamus Coyle, Beaker Best and Freddy Crabs formed Sticky Fingers in 2008 and arrive in Oxford in the second show on the UK leg of their world tour.

Guitarist and singer Dylan admitted the band's Oxford knowledge is limited.

"All I know about it is that you lot have a famous university a dictionary named after you and that's about it really" he said.

"It'll be cool to see what Oxford is like and maybe I might educate myself."

After the success for their second album Land of Pleasure Sticky Fingers fans have high hopes for number three.

"Land of Pleasure rocketed to number three in the Australian Album Chart two years ago after the more humble number 39 of album number one Caress Your Soul.

With the extra recognition behind them the Guardian asked What's the best thing about performing to an audience that appreciates your music?

"They don't throw stuff at you," Dylan joked.

"Actually ..that's not entirely true It's strange because in Australia, the real meatheads love to throw cans at you and you can see them yelling out swear words as they're throwing them so they're obviously not having a bad time.

"I'd say tossing a can at a performer is a sign of praise and appreciation of your music, but I don't know whether that sort of rowdiness happens in Oxford.

"I think you're too educated for that."

Tickets for the 7pm gig cost £11.25.

• *Sticky Fingers (from left) Freddy Crabs, Paddy Cornwall, Dylan Frost, Beaker Best and Seamus Coyle*

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Wed Aug 31, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
HIGH RISE
Starring Tom Hiddleston and Jeremy Irons. Life for residents of a tower block begins to run out of control in an adaptation of JG Ballard's novel.

Thu Sept 1 7.15pm
Unicorn Theatre Abingdon
NINEBARROW
Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.
Described by Mike Harding as "sounding damn fine" and by Seth Lakeman as "a fantastic duo" Jon Whitley and Jay Lalbuachenliana combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. Most recently Ninebarrow were announced winners of Bates Magazine's 'Debut Album of the Year' 2014

Tue Sept 6 – Sat Sept 10
New Theatre, Oxford
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
One of the greatest musicals of all time returns to the stage in a magnificent new production to enchant the young and the young at heart. This wonderfully lavish new staging tells the true story of the world famous von Trapp singing family from their romantic beginnings and search for happiness to their thrilling escape to freedom at the start of WWII.
Lucy O'Byrne (fresh from her success on BBC One's The Voice) plays the role of Maria. She became the competition's runner up in 2015, impressing the nation and charming her way with her stunning vocal range. Award winning TV and stage leading-man Andrew Lancel plays the dashing Captain von Trapp. Lancel, who is best known to TV audiences for his portrayal of villainous businessman Frank Foster in Coronation Street and for the role of DI Neil Manson in The Bill, drew critical acclaim in the title role of the West End production Epstein – The Man Who Made the Beatles.

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Birthed from the 2010 Roundhouse poetry collective, Sean has won Literary Death Match twice, performed on Channel 4's Random Acts and co-hosts the monthly poetry night, SpeedIN.

Tue, Sept 13 7.30p
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
EQUATIONS FOR A MOVING BODY
Equations for a Moving Body is a story about endurance – when our brains tell our bodies to stop – and the psychology of carrying on. It is a story about preparing mind and body and the people who share that journey with us. What carries us to the finish line? What's left at the end of 141 miles of swimming, cycling and running?
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Thu Sept 15 – Fri Sept 16
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Over 1000 people have already signed up for the challenge of the annual Blenheim Palace Half Marathon and 10k. The route starts in front of historic Blenheim Palace and winds through the Palace grounds. It is primarily flat and on paths so is ideal for runners of all ages and abilities. This year there will be a full marathon 10k and family fun run taking place on the day.

In 2015 Marc Faraut from Witney in Oxfordshire, was one of the top fundraisers at the Blenheim Palace Half Marathon event - raising an impressive £1330 for the BHF's life saving work.

Marc said "I decided to lace up my trainers and sign up for the BHF's Blenheim Palace Half Marathon in memory of my sister Jo. The event marked 16 years after my sister, Jo, passed away from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome at the age of 21 - leaving behind her 11 month old daughter.

"I ran the event non-stop in just over 2 hours, the running and the amount I fundraised are one of my proudest moments. I would urge anyone thinking about taking part to sign up today and start fundraising. This is such an important charity and we all have to say how – we can help save lives and beat this disease together.

"This year my brother Stu Foster is organising the Witney Music Festival to raise even more money for the BHF. The festival starts on Friday 27th May until Sunday 12th June with bands playing in local pubs. The main event is on Saturday 11th June on the Leys in Witney."

Louise Postlethwaite, Fundraising Event Manager for the BHF said "We would like to thank Marc for raising over £1300 after taking part in the 2015 event, it is thanks to participants like Marc that we are able to continue to fund our life saving research. We can't wait for the 2016 event it promises to be another great occasion and we are calling on the people of Oxfordshire to sign up to help us beat our fundraising target of £250,000 and join the fight against heart disease.

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Entry fees for the event are £28 for half marathon and £20 for 10k. There is also a family fun run £10 entry fee. All abilities are welcome, although training beforehand is strongly recommended.

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Making inroads into the UK market: Review of the Mitsubishi ASX ZC-H 1.6 Diesel 4WD

Little known drive, a lot of fun

The ASX is one of those cars you don't see a lot of, and that's not because it's rubbish but more because people tend to follow trends or what their neighbours own.

But over the last few years Mitsubishi have really started to increase their sales in the UK and it is my hope that buyers start to look more closely at what Mitsubishi have to offer and that in turn will drive sales for what I consider to be a very good car maker indeed.

Interior & Technology:

Mitsubishi really has gone above and beyond in contrasting the use of textures and materials inside the ASX, a lot of which gives you a pleasing visual impact once you sit inside.

And of course the detail around the dashboard and controls has been brilliantly done by the Mitsubishi engineers and designers

The ASX's generous equipment levels are also good and even standard models receive electric windows, manual air conditioning, Bluetooth, seven airbags and stability and traction control.

If you step up to the ASX ZC-M then it gets even more exciting – adding in climate control air conditioning, cruise control, DAB radio, rain and rear parking sensors and xenon headlamps whilst the ASX ZC-H adds satellite navigation, black leather seat trim and a panoramic glass roof.

You will also find a 419 litre boot with the helpful addition of a wide opening tailgate as well as a large 26 litre underfloor tray and a 60:40 split rear bench seat.

On the road:

My test car was fitted with 4WD which means it can do no wrong in my book. The ASX felt stable even when pushed hard into the corners and it felt very controlled and firm

Remember this is an Active Sports X so it is meant to do all those things a normal car can't – and I am happy to report all is good.

Power and Efficiency:

Powered by a 1.6L 8 valve four-cylinder SOHC intercooled turbocharged diesel engine with 112bhp @ 3500rpm and a max torque figure of around 270Nm @ 1750rpm.

Fuel consumption is also very good returning a very impressive 60mpg (combined) There is a 2.2litre version with 147bhp but I was more than happy with the performance of the 1.6litre fitted to my test vehicle

It will achieve 0-62 in around 11.5sec and top speed will max out at 111mph.

To sum up:

The ASX is a great car for a great price.

Yes it is a little unknown – and maybe that does make it the underdog – but I can assure you that this is no pet hate

For that reason alone– I am going to give it five stars as an excellent indication of just how much fun this vehicle is to live with and to drive.

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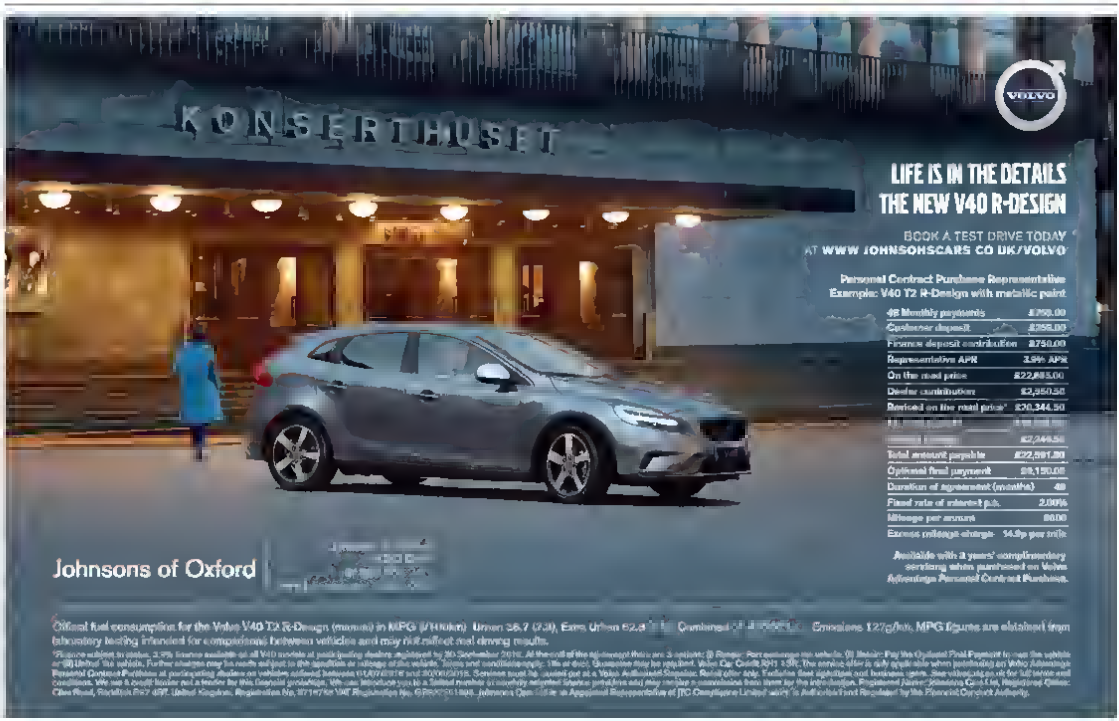
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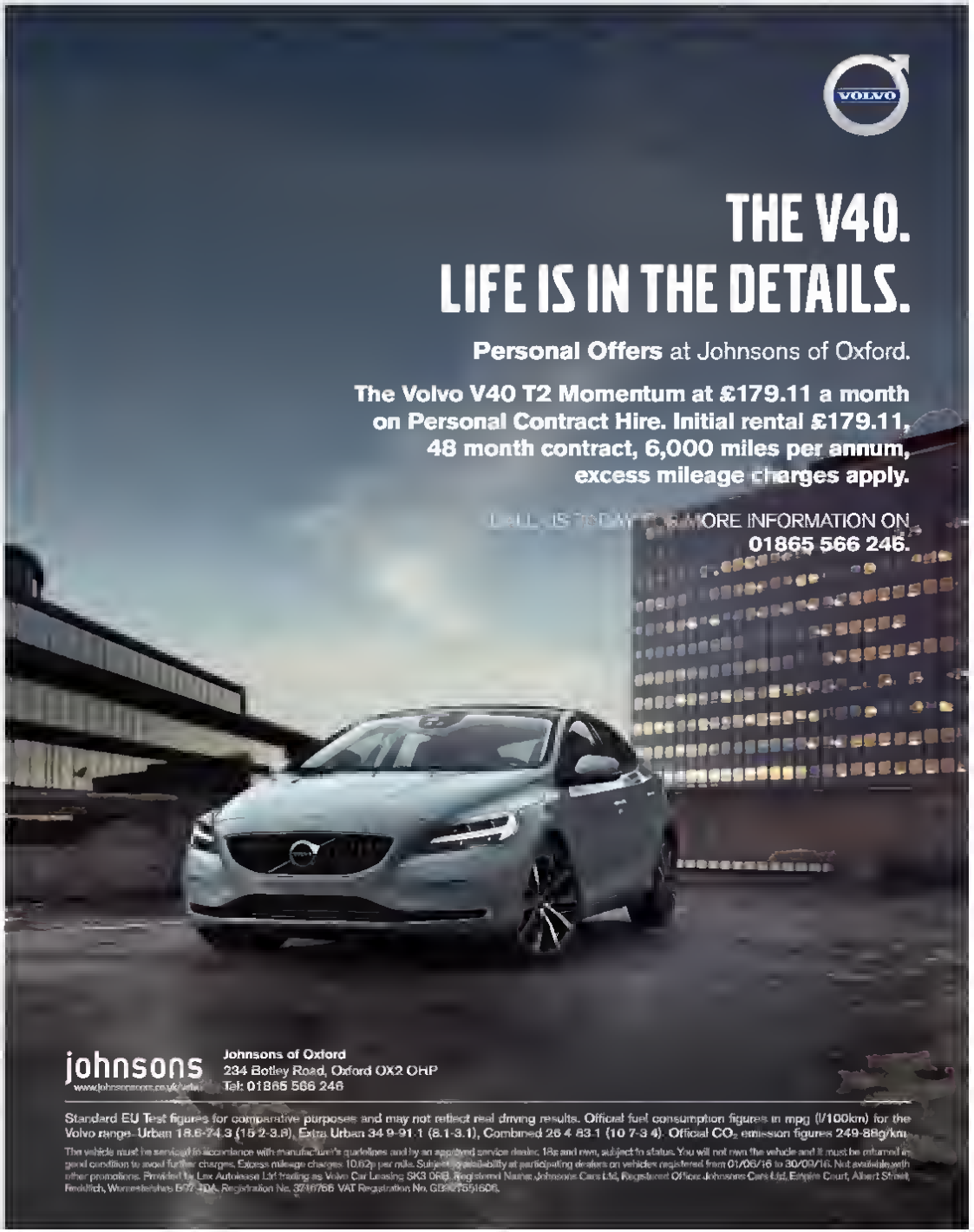
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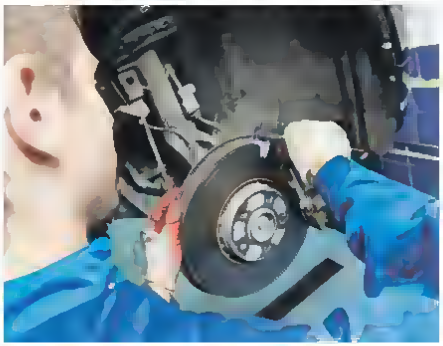

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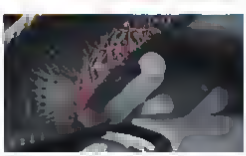

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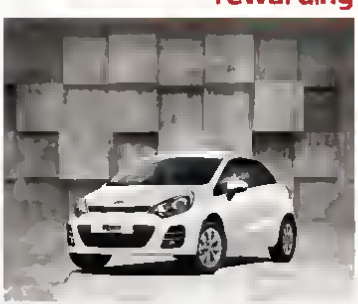

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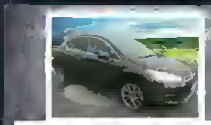

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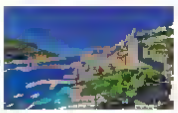

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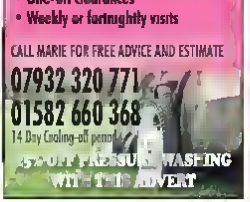

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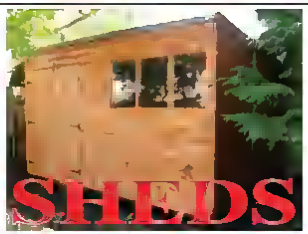
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Williams are raring to go for the second half of the season

By Adam Flinn

WILLIAMS will be looking to start the second half of the Formula One season with good results at two tracks that should be suited to their car.

They return to action at Spa Francorchamps for the Belgian Grand Prix this weekend, before taking on the fast straights of Monza in Italy a week later.

Grove-based Williams have been struggling for form in the last few races, with the team having scored just six points in their last four outings.

But following the four-week summer break Williams will be hoping to make full use of the FW38's traditionally strong performance on higher speed tracks.

Pat Symonds, Williams' chief technical officer, said: "Spa is a circuit which should favour us and our target will be to challenge from the start to get some good points.

"Spa places high demands on tyres – in typical cool temperatures we would expect to see front graining at the start of the weekend with more even front and rear wear by race day.

"We are back to medium soft and super soft compounds which we have plenty of experience with this year, which combined with the 7km lap means we expect to see most cars on two-stop strategies."

Valtteri Bottas is hopeful Williams can get back up to speed in Spa, with the Finn having scored a podium finish at the track back in 2014.

He said: "This is definitely one of my favourite tracks, mainly because of the high speed corners.

"It's extremely enjoyable to drive, so it's always one of the best tracks to go to for me."

Felipe Massa is also in desperate need of a strong result having only picked up two points in the last seven races – and none in the last four.

The Brazilian is looking increasingly likely to be replaced at Williams for next season, but has good form at Spa having won there for Ferrari in 2008.

He said: "It's always a pleasure to race there and feel the car perform at one of the best tracks in the world.

"I've got great memories from Belgium – I've been on the podium and I won there in 2008, it's definitely a place I always enjoy visiting and a great pleasure to race around."

• Valtteri Bottas (front) and Felipe Massa (left) battling the McLarens and Nico Hulkenberg last time out in Germany (picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)

Drivers' championship standings

1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	217
2	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	198
3	Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	133
4	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	122
5	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	120
6	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	116
7	**Valtteri Bottas**	**Williams**	**58**
8	Sergio Perez	Force India	42
9	**Felipe Massa**	**Williams**	**38**
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	33
11	Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	30
12	**Romain Grosjean**	**Haas**	**28**
13	Fernando Alonso	McLaren	24
14	Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	23
15	Jenson Button	McLaren	17
16	**Kevin Magnussen**	**Renault**	**6**
17	**Pascal Wehrlein**	**Manor**	**1**
18	Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
18	**Esteban Gutierrez**	**Haas**	**0**
20	**Jolyon Palmer**	**Renault**	**0**
21	Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22	Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23	**Rio Haryanto**	**Manor**	**0**

Focussing on 'smaller details'

RENAULT are focussing on the "smaller details" rather than big upgrades as they seek to improve their performance in the second half of the Formula One season.

Enstone-based Renault have struggled in the first half of the year following their late takeover of Lotus towards the end of 2015.

Kevin Magnussen scored the team's only points so far at the Russian Grand Prix at the start of May, but Renault are hopeful there is still more to come before the end of the year.

Team principal Fred Vasseur said: "If you look at the last two or three events, we are improving but we need to be focussed on the smaller details.

"We need to look at setup and strategy and make sure we're doing a better job compared to the last events and we need to understand tyre management a bit better.

"Over the last two or three races we have looked at it a lot and we have a much better understanding now so we need to keep on with this trajectory."

He continued. "We are going in the right direction but we need to find two or three tenths and it is in the smaller details we need to improve and find it."

• Kevin Magnussen at last month's German Grand Prix (picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)

Manor and Haas ready for action

BANBURY'S two Formula One teams Haas and Manor are back in action this weekend for the Belgian Grand Prix at the popular Spa Francorchamps circuit.

Manor come into the weekend with a new racer, as Renault test driver Esteban Ocon replaces Rio Haryanto for the remainder of the season.

Ocon, who along with Manor team mate Pascal Wehrlein has the backing of Mercedes, has come in for Haryanto after the Indonesian's funding dried up.

The line up stays the same at Haas, with Romain Grosjean looking to follow up his shock Belgian podium with Lotus last year with another good result, while Esteban Gutierrez targets his first points finish of 2016.

Grosjean said. "We had a good car in Belgium last year.

"I managed to overtake a few cars and get on the podium – it was one of those weekends where everything just went to plan."

Gutierrez added: "Spa is a track I always enjoy and hopefully this year will be just as enjoyable and we'll do our best to make it a successful weekend."

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Smith retires from Czech Grand Prix

By George Welch

OXFORD S Bradley Smith was forced to retire from the Czech Grand Prix on Sunday after a technical issue forced him out of the race in Brno

The Monster Yamaha Tech 3 racer leapt forward from the middle of the fourth row of the grid in Brno and quickly set about moving through the pack as he completed the opening lap in ninth.

He was pushed back one position a short time later but remained focused and did his best to preserve his tyres for the second part of the race.

But at the midway point, the 25-year old had to pit due to a technical issue with eight laps left to run.

He was not to return to the track.

Smith said: "Of course it's disappointing to have a DNF for a technical issue especially as my race was running positively up until that point

"The opening lap went quite well, and I was able to make up a few positions, plus I felt quite comfortable on the bike

"I was looking after my tyres because I was certain that tyre management would be crucial at the end of the race

"Yet unfortunately I didn't have the chance to prove that as I had to pit in."

Teammate Pol Espargaro reached the flag and got three points

It is the second time Smith has had to retire because of a technical issue in 2016.

He added: "Considering that it was one of the weekends where we [Smith and Espargaro] were closer to the front from the word go it s a big shame."

Meanwhile Cal Crutchlow become the first British rider to win a premier-class grand prix since Barry Sheene in 1981, despite being as low as 15th in the early stages

Seven-time champion Valentino Rossi took second with championship leader Marc Marquez in third

And now Smith will be aiming to bounce back in front of his home fans at the British Grand Prix in a fortnight s time on September 4.

Ahead of the race, Smith has sampled new electronics, examined his bike s suspension options and also reconfirmed the setup configurations that he used last weekend

Smith sits 15th in the standings on 42 points

Teams poised for promotion after two wins

OXFORD Downs and Abingdon Vale look set for promotion from Division Two with two matches to go after both was again last weekend.

Table toppers Oxford Downs beat lowly Oxford and Bletchington Nondescripts away by a wicket on Saturday

The home side got off to a good start getting 40–0 off the first few overs

Despite Chris Day's 55 runs and Atif Ah s 32 Nick Rivett claimed 43 3 for the Downs as they claimed yet another victory by overcoming their total of 202 runs by a wicket, with Wasim Mehmood leading their reply with 31

One more win will secure the title for them.

Challengers Abingdon Vale also claimed another victory by six wickets over Great and Little Tew 2ods nn Saturday

Tew got off to a bad start with their second batsman dismissed for a duck, before Jamie Coles and Markus Jeacock managed to get them off the ground with a partnership of 42

However good bowling from man of the match Joe Butcher kept the scoring low, with the visitors all out for 90.

Abingdon then opened their innings well with second batsman Ben Charlesworth reaching 46 to take them half way to the total

Samuel Lion-Cachet was then bowled for just five runs before Joe Butcher's 37 helped them catch the visitors, to win by six wickets

Pepperell misses cut despite encouraging month

• Eddie Pepperell

EDDIE Pepperell missed the cut in his first tournament in three weeks after ending four over par at the Czech Masters last Thursday and Friday

Pepperell had a reasonably encouraging July on the European Tour having won prize money at all three events he participated in.

He finished tied 54th at the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open after finishing tied 45th at the 108th Open de France in Paris

He topped this off with an impressive tied sixth finish at the end of July in the King's Cup at the Phoenix Gold Golf Club in Pattaya, Thailand.

But the Abingdon man missed the cut and finished tied 102nd after hitting rounds of 77 and 71 at the Albatross Golf Resort in Prague

American Paul Peterson took the title with a score of -15 to mark his first victory of the season and on the European Tour

The Arizona native secured the title just one stroke ahead of Belgian Thomas Pieters on -14.

Englishmen Ryan Evans, David Howell (both -11) Matthew Fitzpatrick (-10) Gary Boyd (-9) Graeme Storm (-9) Steven Brown and Mark Foster (both -7) all broke into the top 15

Pepperell heads to Farso, Denmark for the Made in Denmark tournament where he will tee off with Swede Johan Carlsson and Welshman Bradley Dredge today August 25

Saints one match from final

OXFORD Saints continued their perfect season on Sunday with a crushing 40–3 victory over the Cornish Sharks to win a place in the Division II semi-final.

They will now face Bristol Apache, having already defeated them twice

Three touchdowns from Tony Glover and one each from James Walter and Ryan Kingshott were enough to allow the Saints to edge closer to the title.

Early on in the match playmaker Destin Maulding made a 24 yard dash for the end zone down the sideline and looked set to score a remarkable touchdown with a dive but was on yard short.

Glover then finished off the attack with a run in.

The Sharks attempted to retaliate but were stopped for a five-yard loss and failed a 44-yard field goal attempt.

Glover then added two more points in the second quarter, after Maulding played a deep 35-yard pass to Ali Galbraith for James Walter to make his way over from two yards out

Glover claimed his second touchdown minutes later smashing his way into the end zone from seven yards out, with Fielden adding the extras.

The goal kicker then added a field goal soon after to make the score 24 0 at half time.

Despite a setback of a 28-yard loss by Maulding, who was sacked by Sharks defenders the Saints managed to recover through the running of Walter and Glover who hammered the ball in for his third touchdown, after a 20-yard run from Walter

A 30-yard field goal in the fourth quarter from Sharks David Kriehn ensured they did not leave Tidsley Park empty handed.

Oxford then added a last touchdown before the end of the game with Kingshott crashing through from a yard after a 15-yard carry by James Walter

The Saints now face Bristal Apache at home for the last step to the final at 2 30pm on Sunday

• Tony Glover celebrates (picture by Chris James)

Injury time penalty clinches Oxford's first league victory

U's snatch win at the death

By **Dominic Thomas**

A DRAMATIC injury time penalty from United hero Chris Maguire overturned the odds to see Oxford beat Peterborough 2-1 in a spirited encounter on Saturday

Maguire's injury time spot kick sealed the U's victory after Wes Thomas had put them ahead 14 seconds into the second half, with Peterborough levelling the score just after the hour to set up a tense finish.

United faced a tough challenge on the back of successive losses, facing a Peterborough side unchanged from a 5-1 win over favourites Millwall.

New signing Phil Edwards came in at right back to provide cover for Christian Ribeiro, as debutant Miles Welch-Hayes dropped out of the side following Wednesday's loss

Oxford looked sharp at the opening with the strong pairing of Kane Hemmings and Thomas pouncing on several opportunities as Peterborough looked shaky at the back.

In a physical opening to the game Jack Baldwin was awarded the first yellow after half an hour for nearly upending Thomas followed almost immediately by a booking for Liam Sercombe for an equally strong tackle

Frustrations began to show, with the crowd and players beginning to turn on referee Seb Stockbridge as Joe Skarz received the U's second yellow for a tackle just outside the area

Peterborough then had two strong penalty claims in quick succession, as Chay Dunkley brought down Gwionn Edwards bursting into the area given as a free kick, before Posh's Chris Forrester was booked for a dive minutes later

Oxford then came out even more fired up for the second half as Chris Maguire fed Wes Thomas in the box, who turned and blasted a shot past Ben Alnwick inside 14 seconds

Peterborough then had a golden chance to equalise minutes later when the ball fell to Jermaine Anderson, who found himself one-on-one with Simon Eastwood, but the keeper reacted fastest to swallow up the close-range shot.

But after sustained pressure by Peterborough, Paul Taylor got in behind the defence and pulling ball back to Tom Nichols, allowed him the time and space to pick his spot, his shot going in off the bar

With the scores level, neither side looked content on leaving with a point as they both went all out to snatch victory

There was also another honking for Peterborough's Gwionn Edwards as he fouled Maguire outside the box, as Oxford went in search of the win.

Their hard work was nearly undone seconds before the end of normal time however when Josh Ruffels' backpass to Eastwood was nearly spilled into the net

With the game into injury time one last surge up field from the U's found Maguire free in the box, only to brought down by Baldwin, who was awarded a second yellow for the ill-timed challenge

Maguire then dusted himself down and as the spectators covered their eyes, nervelessly dispatched the penalty to seal a breath-taking victory at the death

Manager Michael Appleton joked: "I didn't even see [the penalty], I was down the tunnel in the dressing rooms I just waited for the cheer and then came back out.

"But I was confident with Mags because obviously I've signed him two or three times and I know what he's capable of from set plays."

• Chris Maguire scores a late penalty (picture by Steve Daniels)

Resounding FA Cup defeat for Ardley

ARDLEY United's FA Cup aspirations were torn apart by a 3-0 defeat to Highworth Town on an afternoon of dark skies swirling winds and driving rain on Saturday

A Ryan Stanners 23-yard finish and a Kieron Gleed brace were enough for Highworth to knock Ardley out of the FA Cup at the final preliminary stage at the Playing Fields

The home side were denied twice by the frame of the goal but could not beat the Town keeper and were punished by the visitors ruthlessness in front of goal

Five minutes in saw an Ardley attack break down and Highworth worked the ball very quickly up to the other end, and the first chance fell to Gleed but he fired into the goalkeepers arms.

The home side then had a glorious chance on 12 minutes when Elias Katsoulouh rounded the stranded Town keeper but a defender somehow managed to thwart the forward.

On half an hour, a Jacob Daffern cross was deftly flicked on by Troy Bryan, but the ball bounced back off the post and away to safety

Four minutes later the visitors took the lead when Stanners scored from 20 yards after a break down the right saw the ball squared to him and he had time to compose himself before scoring.

With 15 minutes remaining Gleed doubled the Wiltshire sides lead when the midfielder scored from a quick counter attack.

A Bradley Cox header struck the bar for Ardley – but the ball was then cleared and Gleed slotted home to round off the win.

Diddy fall at the first hurdle

DIDCOT S dreams of replicating last year's FA Cup heroics ended at the first hurdle after a dramatic 4-3 defeat to Ascot United at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday afternoon.

The defeat in the final round of the FA Cup preliminary stage means there will be no repeat of last year, when Diddy made it all the way to the FA Cup first round proper where they lost 3-0 to League Two side Exeter City

The Yellamen cruised into a 3-0 lead before Didcot fought back and almost drew level, but the home side finally derailed the Railwaymen late-on.

Two goals from Charlie Samuels and another from Louie Gilpin had put Ascot in control with 30 minutes remaining.

Samuels was denied a hat trick when Diddy keeper Leigh Bedwell saved a 67th minute penalty, making up for the clumsy challenge that brought the penalty

Didcot goals from Jack Powell on 78 minutes and a Ben Whitehead penalty six minutes before time gave Ascot a late scare.

But Yellaman substitute Samir Regragui regained the hosts two goal lead after he lobbed the ball straight into the Diddy net from 25 yards following a weak clearance from Didcot's keeper

Incredibly 4-2 became 4-3 when Andy Ballard scrambled an injury time tiehne, but there was no time to find an equaliser

• Didcot players celebrate (picture by Roger Neal)

City leave it late to draw with Concord

OXFORD City scored two late goals to salvage a point against previously pointless Concord Rangers at the Marsh Lane Stadium on Saturday

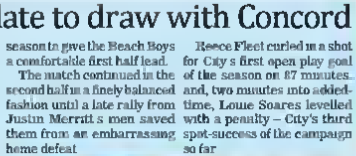
It could have been deemed an early season relegation six-pointer in the National League South, with Concord yet to get off the mark after four consecutive defeats, while City were also in need of points after three successive losses

The home side began with a couple of changes to the team and were rocked just after the half hour mark by two quick goals from the visitors

Concord midfielders Marvin Ekpiteta and Joao Carlos scored their first goals of the season to give the Beach Boys a comfortable first half lead.

The match continued in the second half in a finely balanced fashion until a late rally from Justin Merritt's men saved them from an embarrassing home defeat

Reece Fleet curled in a shot for City's first open play goal of the season on 87 minutes and, two minutes into added-time, Louie Soares levelled with a penalty – City's third spot-success of the campaign so far



• There was late drama at the Marsh Lane Stadium (picture courtesy of Michael Allen)

Sport Bites

Winning streak

EQUESTRIAN Amateur equestrian Lisa Lane went on a winning streak at the prestigious National Championships at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire

The 40-year-old from Bletchingdon took both the Equestrian In Hand Hunter Over 148cm and the Equestrian Supreme In Hand Championship titles with her horse, Hazaven Just a Whisper (Hazel)

The SEIB Trailblazers Championships is a week-long equestrian extravaganza that took place from July 29 to August 6

Stalwart awarded

FOOTBALL Oxford City's club secretary has been honoured by the Football Association (FA) for more than 40 years service to the club

John Shepperd whose first associations with Oxford City go back over 60 years to the early 1950s was presented with his award before Saturday's match against Concord Rangers prior to returning to the press box to produce the match report of City's 2-2 draw for Sunday's Non League Paper

Star backing

ROWING The best is yet to come from Oxford's Olympic rower Stewart Innes according to the two-time Olympic medallist Alex Partridge

Partridge, who won silver in Beijing (2008) and Bronze in London (2012) in the men's eight, insists Innes, 25, "will go on to do great things"

Innes and men's pair partner Alan Sinclair were just pipped to a bronze medal by their Italian opposition in the final, despite sitting in a silver medal position with just 500m to go.

Like Partridge, both Innes and Sinclair are members of Leander Club in Henley, the most successful rowing club in the world with 123 Olympic medals to its name

Bronze in Euros

HOCKEY Oxford Hawks players Lucy Millington and Miriam Pritchard have won bronze as part of England Under 18s at the European Championships

Millington, from Bartholomew School Eynsham, was also the top scorer at the tournament in Cork, Ireland while Pritchard also scored in their penalty shoot out in their third place play-off versus Belgium to win bronze

Gritty comeback

RUGBY LEAGUE Oxford RL got their third win in four games with a 20-12 victory away to the South Wales Scorpions on Sunday

Playing at a rain soaked Virginia Park, the Blues ensured a 13th-place finish in the league ahead of their final game despite trailing 12-4 with 20 minutes to go

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Valiant U's positive over EFL Cup defeat

By George Welch

THREE goals in the last 14 minutes ended Oxford United's EFL Cup campaign in a 4-2 defeat to Championship side Brighton & Hove Albion at the Kassam stadium on Tuesday night.

Goals from Sam Adekugbe, Kazenga Lua Lua, Elvis Manu and Tamer Hemed secured the Seagulls' passage into the third round of the cup.

But do not be fooled by the score line—a positive second half from the U's was only tamed by Bright on's Championship quality in the final quarter of an hour.

Wes Thomas equalised on the half hour mark and Dan Crowley scored his first goal for the club deep into injury time.

Brighton who made 11 changes from their weekend draw at Reading took the lead within two minutes left back Sam Adekugbe ran on to a through ball and outpaced Sam Long to blast the ball beyond Simon Eastwood.

Lua Lua, who caused havoc down Oxford's right throughout the match, should have doubled the visitors' advantage within four minutes before providing Danny Hulla with a golden opportunity but the midfielder failed to hit the target.

On 16 minutes, Brighton continued to threaten when Manu broke the U's defensive line but Eastwood was quick off his line to thwart the Brighton forward—not for the last time in the match.

Oxford struggled to deal with Brighton's high tempo, precision passing and movement off the ball in the first half—Lua Lua drifted inside to fire a low 25-yard drive narrowly wide of Eastwood's goal as pressure on the U's defence increased.

And Oxford were just hanging on when Manu narrowly dispatched a volley over the bar from an inch perfect through ball from Oliver Norwood.

But Oxford forced their way back into the match on 29 minutes when Thomas thumped a rebounded effort home for his third goal of the season.

It was a more even second half as United grew into the game.

Thomas and Roberts came close for the U's on the hour while Manu broke the hosts backline once again and forced Eastwood into action.

The decisive moment of the match came on 76 minutes when Lua Lua struck a spectacular finessed shot into the bottom right hand corner.

Yet United could have equalised moments later when Josh Ruffels had the freedom of the area, but his first time effort was denied by the feet of Niki Maenpaa before John Lundstram rattled the crossbar.

And it proved costly when, a minute later, the East Sussex side confirmed their passage through to round three when Manu—eventually—prodded beyond Eastwood.

Substitute Hemed put the icing on the cake, smashing home a Sam Baldock cross.

A 94th minute goal from Crowley proved too little far too late.

• Oxford United players celebrate Wes Thomas' equaliser (photo by Steve Daniels)

Oxford United 2
Brighton and Hove Albion 4

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